

Stratton Kenneth Blair
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Stratton Kenneth Blair

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O STEMCELLS, INC., 3155
PORTER DRIVE

(Street)

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
STEMCELLS INC [STEM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/15/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify
below)

General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	05/15/2009		A	93,333	A	\$ 0 (1)	148,333 (2)	D
Common Stock						9,878	I	By 401(k) Plan (3)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 1.75	05/15/2009		A	35,000	05/15/2010 ⁽⁴⁾ 05/15/2019	Common Stock 35,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Stratton Kenneth Blair C/O STEMCELLS, INC. 3155 PORTER DRIVE PALO ALTO, CA 94304	Director 10% Owner Officer Other General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ Ken Stratton 05/19/2009
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted stock units, with 1/4 vesting on each of the four anniversaries following the grant.
- (2) Includes 55,000 restricted stock units, with 1/2 of these vesting on March 10, 2010, and 1/2 of these vesting on March 10, 2011.
- (3) Shares held in 401(k) account, in accordance with issuer's employer-match policies.
- (4) Employee Incentive Stock Option; vests 1/4 on the first anniversary of the grant and 1/48 per month thereafter.

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