

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
 Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

[] Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations
 may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

STANGER KENT W.

 (Last) (First) (Middle)

 1600 West Merit Parkway

 South Jordan (Street) UT 84095

 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Merit Medical Systems, Inc. (MMSI)

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

December 16, 2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

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6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

[X] Director [] 10% Owner
 [X] Officer (give title below) [] Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing
 (Check applicable line)

[X] Form filed by one Reporting Person
 [] Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) Code V | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------|--|---|--|
| | | | Amount (A) (D) | Price (D) | | | |

Common Stock

No Par Value

Common Stock
No Par Value

Common Stock
No Par Value

385,808

Common Stock
No Par Value

N/A

26,078

I

by 401(k)
plan (1)

Common Stock
No Par Value

N/A

1,923

D

Emp stock pur-
chase Plan

Common Stock
No Par Value

12/16/02

S

2,906

D

\$20.11

0

I

By trust
(deferred comp
plan)

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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. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriva- tive Secur- ity | 3. Trans- action Date (Month /Day/ Year) | 4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8 V) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expira- tion Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount or Number of Shares | 8. Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4) | 10. Owner- ship of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or In- direct (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Owner- ship (Instr. 4) |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|---|
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Buy) | \$3.68 | N/A | | | 09/30/99 (7) 03/31/04 | Common Stock | | 15,625 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Buy) | \$3.76 | N/A | | | 05/26/99 05/26/04 | Common Stock | | 11,719 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Buy) | \$4.1997 | N/A | | | 04/23/00 (8) 10/23/04 | Common Stock | | 13,673 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Buy) | \$2.88 | N/A | | | 05/24/00 05/24/05 | Common Stock | | 11,719 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Buy) | \$2.88 | N/A | | | 01/24/01 05/24/05 | Common Stock | | 31,250 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Buy) | \$3.68 | N/A | | | 02/12/02 (9) 02/12/11 | Common Stock | | 31,250 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Buy) | \$5.0624 | N/A | | | 05/23/01 (2) 05/23/11 | Common Stock | | 15,625 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Buy) | \$13,528 | N/A | | | 12/08/02 (5) 12/08/11 | Common Stock | | 25,000 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Buy) | \$16.99 | N/A | | | 05/23/02 05/23/12 | Common Stock | | 10,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Represents plan holdings as of 10/28/02

(5) Becomes exercisable in equal installments of 20% commencing 12/08/02

- (7) Becomes exercisable in equal installments of 20% commencing 09/30/99
- (8) Becomes exercisable in equal installments of 20% commencing 04/23/00
- (9) Becomes exercisable in equal installments of 20% commencing 04/12/02

/s/ KENT W. STANGER 12/18/02

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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* If the form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Explanation of Responses:

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/s/ KENT W. STANGER 11/06/02

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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