

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Stephens Martin R</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1600 W. MERIT PARKWAY</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>SOUTH JORDAN UT 84095</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/24/2004</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC [MMSI]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <u>VP of Sales</u> Other (specify below) _____	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) _____ 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, No Par Value	293	I	By 401(k) Plan ⁽¹⁾

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	07/14/2005	07/14/2009	Common Stock	5,000 ⁽²⁾	14.48	D

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents shares held by the Merit Medical Systems, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust for the benefit of the reporting person as of 12/06/04.
- The option vests in equal annual installments of 1,000 shares, commencing on July 14, 2005 and continuing through July 14, 2009.

Martin R. Stephens 12/06/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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