

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>STANGER KENT W</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1600 W MERIT PARKWAY</u> _____ (Street) <u>SOUTH JORDAN UT 84095</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC [MMSI]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/10/2012</u>	

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, No Par Value								74,414	I	By 401(k) plan ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock, No Par Value								185,051	I	Family Limited Partnership
Common Stock, No Par Value								4,271 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, No Par Value	05/10/2012		M ⁽⁹⁾		11,221	A	\$7.65	596,533	D	
Common Stock, No Par Value	05/10/2012		F ⁽⁹⁾		7,891	D	\$13.49	588,642	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$7.65	05/10/2012		M			11,221	05/23/2002	05/23/2012	Common Stock	11,221	\$0	0	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$7.79							02/06/2004 ⁽³⁾	02/06/2013	Common Stock	44,445		44,445	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$8.38							05/22/2003	05/22/2013	Common Stock	33,334		33,334	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$17.34							12/13/2003	12/13/2013	Common Stock	18,750		18,750	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$17.34							12/13/2004	12/13/2013	Common Stock	17,500		17,500	D	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$11.05							06/10/2004	06/10/2014	Common Stock	7,500		7,500	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$11.05							06/10/2004	06/10/2014	Common Stock	18,750		18,750	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$12.02							12/18/2004	12/18/2014	Common Stock	25,000		25,000	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$11.41							05/25/2005	05/25/2015	Common Stock	18,750		18,750	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$9.71							12/28/2005	12/28/2015	Common Stock	25,000		25,000	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$9.22							05/25/2007 ⁽⁴⁾	05/25/2013	Common Stock	18,750		18,750	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$9.7							06/27/2008 ⁽⁵⁾	06/27/2014	Common Stock	25,000		25,000	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$9.7							06/27/2008	06/27/2014	Common Stock	18,750		18,750	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$11.53							05/21/2009 ⁽⁶⁾	05/21/2015	Common Stock	43,750		43,750	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$13.82							09/26/2010 ⁽⁷⁾	09/26/2016	Common Stock	25,000		25,000	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$13.75							08/11/2012 ⁽⁸⁾	08/11/2018	Common Stock	80,000		80,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents plan holdings as of 05/02/2012.
2. Employee stock purchase plan holdings as of 05/02/2012.
3. Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 02/06/2004.
4. Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 33% commencing 05/25/2007.
5. Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 06/27/2008.
6. Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 05/21/2009.
7. Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 09/26/2010.
8. Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 08/11/2012.
9. Stock options were exercised in a swap transaction with the Company. 7,891 shares of common stock were surrendered for payroll taxes and payment of the option price. No shares were sold in the open market.

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 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).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

For Executing Forms 3, 4 and 5

Know all by these presents that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Fred P. Lampropoulos, Gregory L. Barnett and Rashelle Perry signing individually, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including any amendments thereto) which may be required to be filed in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder as a result of the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of Merit Medical Systems, Inc.;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete the execution of any such Form 3, 4 or 5 and the timely filing of such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any other authority; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in his discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary and proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or his substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Photographic copies of this Power of Attorney shall have the same force and effect as the original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 17 day of January, 2007.

/s/ Kent W. Stanger
Kent W. Stanger