FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | | | | | or Sec | tion 3 | 3U(h) (| of the I | nvestmer | it Co | mpany Act | of 1940 | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|----------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|--------|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Name an | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC [| | | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | MMS | MMSI] | | | | | | | | | | X Director Officer (give title | | | specify |
| (Last) |) | | | | st Tran | saction (M | /lontl | n/Day/Year | | | below) | | | below) | specify | | | | |
| C/O MER | RIT MEDIC. | AL SYSTEMS, | | 08/04/2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1600 WEST MERIT PARKWAY | | | | | | meno | dment | , Date | of Origina | al File | ed (Month/I | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | | | |
| (Street) SOUTH JORDAN | UT | 8 | 4095 | | | | | | | | | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| (City) | (Sta | te) (Z | Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tabl | e I - I | Non-Deriv | ative S | Secu | ıritie | s Ac | quired, | Dis | posed o | of, or B | enefic | iall | y Owned | d | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/ | Year) i | Execu f any | . Deemed ecution Date, any onth/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (ADisposed Of (D) (Instr. 35) | | | , 4 and Securi Benefi Owned | | ies ially | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) Pri | | e | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common | 08/04/2003 | | 3 08/04/2003 | | 003 | M | | 800 | A | \$2 | 2.88 | 8 | 800 | | D | | | | |
| Common Stock, no par value 08/04/20 | | | | | | 003 08/0 | | 003 | S | | 800 | D | \$27 | 27.475 | | 0 | | D | |
| Common Stock, no par value 08/05/20 | | | | | | 08/05/20 | | 003 | M | | 919 | A | \$2 | 2.88 | 919 | | D | | |
| Common | 08/05/20 | 003 08/ | | /05/2003 | | S | | 919 | D | \$2 | 26.5 | 0 | | D | | | | | |
| | | Ta | able I | II - Derivat | | | | | | | | | | | Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Exec if any | Deemed ution Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. n Number | | 6. Date Exerci Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y | | isable and | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | Owners Form Direct or Inc. (I) (In 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. | Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Amou | ınt | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Numb | er | | | | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | | Expiration Date | Title | of Share | s | | | | | |
| Nonqualified stock options (right to buy) | \$2.88 | 08/04/2003 | 0 | 8/04/2003 | М | M 800 | | 800 | 05/24/20 | 00 | 05/24/2005 | Common Stock | 80 | 0 | \$2.88 2,919 | | | D | |
| Nonqualified stock options (right to buy) | \$2.88 | 05/24/2000 | 0 | 5/24/2005 | М | I 919 | | 05/24/20 | 00 | 05/24/2005 | Common Stock | 91 | 9 | \$2.88 | 2,000 | | D | | |
| Nonqualified stock options (right to buy) | \$16.99 | | | | | | | | 05/23/20 | 02 | 05/23/2012 | Common Stock | 10,0 | 00 | | 10,000 |) | D | |
| Nonqualified stock options (right to buy) | \$18.62 | | | | | | | | 05/22/20 | 03 | 05/22/2013 | Common Stock | 15,0 | 00 | | 15,000 |) | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

Richard W. Edelman by Greg Barnett, Atty in Fact per Pwr of Atty dtd 9/14/2002 on file w/SEC and incorporated

08/06/2003

<u>herein</u>

** 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 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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