

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>12/14/2012</u>	
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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								76,164	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	12/14/2012		M ⁽⁹⁾		44,445	A	\$7.79	633,087	D	
Common Stock, No Par Value	12/14/2012		M ⁽⁹⁾		33,334	A	\$8.38	666,421	D	
Common Stock, No Par Value	12/14/2012		M ⁽⁹⁾		18,750	A	\$9.22	685,171	D	
Common Stock, No Par Value	12/14/2012		F ⁽⁹⁾		71,604	D	\$13.27	613,567	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					
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$7.79	12/14/2012		M		44,445		02/06/2004 ⁽³⁾	02/06/2013	Common Stock	\$0	0	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$8.38	12/14/2012		M		33,334		05/22/2003	05/22/2013	Common Stock	\$0	0	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$17.34							12/13/2003	12/13/2013	Common Stock		18,750	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$17.34							12/13/2004	12/13/2013	Common Stock		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	12/14/2012		M		18,750		05/25/2007 ⁽⁴⁾	05/25/2013	Common Stock	18,750	\$0	0	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 12/11/2012.
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. 71,604 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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