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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* STANGER KENT W (Last) (First) (Middle) 1600 W MERIT PARKWAY (Street) SOUTH JORDAN UT 84095 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC [MMSI]	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) Chief Financial Officer
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/18/2004	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, No Par Value								382,041	D	
Common Stock, no par value								148,041	I	Family limited partnership
Common stock, no par value								49,066	I	401(k)plan ⁽⁶⁾
common stock, no par value								3,416	D ⁽¹⁾	

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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Nonqualified stock options (right to buy)	\$1.62						05/24/2000	05/24/2005	Common Stock		20,833	D	
Nonqualified stock options	\$1.62						01/24/2001	05/24/2005	Common Stock		55,556	D	
Nonqualified stock options (right to buy)	\$2.07						02/12/2002 ⁽⁴⁾	02/12/2011	Common Stock		55,556	D	
Nonqualified stock options (right to buy)	\$2.85						05/23/2001	05/23/2011	Common Stock		27,777	D	
Nonqualified stock options (right to buy)	\$7.61						12/08/2002 ⁽³⁾	12/08/2011	Common Stock		44,444	D	

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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Nonqualified stock options (right to buy)	\$9.56							05/23/2002	05/23/2012	Common Stock	17,777		17,777	D	
Nonqualified stock options (right to buy)	\$9.74							02/06/2004 ⁽⁵⁾	02/06/2013	Common Stock	35,556		35,556	D	
Nonqualified stock options (right to buy)	\$10.47							05/22/2003	05/22/2013	Common Stock	26,667		26,667	D	
Nonqualified stock options (right to buy)	\$21.67							12/13/2003	12/13/2013	Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D	
Nonqualified stock options (right to buy)	\$21.67							12/13/2004 ⁽²⁾	12/13/2013	Common Stock	14,000		14,000	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$13.81							12/10/2004	06/10/2014	Common Stock	6,000		6,000	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$13.81							06/10/2004	06/10/2014	Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$15.03	12/18/2004		A		20,000		12/18/2004	12/18/2014	common Stock	20,000	\$15.03	20,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. (employee stock purchase plan) as of 06/10/04
2. Become exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 12/13/04
3. Become exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 12/08/02
4. Become exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 02/12/02
5. Become exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 02/06/04
6. Represent plan holdings as of 12/28/04

Kent Stanger

12/18/2004

** 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 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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