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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Stephens Martin R</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 1600 W. MERIT PARKWAY (Street) SOUTH UT 84095 JORDAN (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) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) VP of Sales
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/18/2004	
	4. 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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	12/15/2004		P		4,710	A	\$14.75	7,400	D	
Common Stock, No Par Value								817	I	By 401(k) Plan ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock, No Par Value								155	D ⁽³⁾	

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)	\$14.48							07/14/2005 ⁽²⁾	07/14/2009	Common Stock	5,000	5,000	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	20,000	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 03/30/05.
- The option vests in equal annual installments of 1,000 shares, commencing on July 14, 2005 and continuing through July 14, 2009.
- (Employee Stock Purchase Plan) as of 01/26/05

Martin R. Stephens 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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