U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4/A STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| [] | Check box if no longer may continue. See Instr | , | Form 4 or Form 5 ob | oligations |
|-----|---|--|---------------------|------------|
| 1. | Name and Address of Repor | | | |
| | STANGER | KENT | W. | |
| | (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | |
| | 1600 West Merit Parkway | | | |
| | South Jordan | (Street) UT | 84095 | |
| | (City) (State) (Zip) | | | |
| 2. | Issuer Name and Ticker | | | |
| | Merit Medical Systems, | | | |
| 3. | IRS Identification Number | | | |
| 4. | Statement for Month/Year | | | |
| | December 12 2002 | | | |
| 5. | If Amendment, Date of Ori | ginal (Month/Year) | | |
| | December 12 2002 | | | |
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| 6. | Relationship of Reporti (Check all applicable) | | | |
| | (specify below) | Owner [X] Officer (q ancial Officer | give title below) | [] Other |
| 7. | Individual or Joint/Gro | up Filing (Check applica | able line) | |
| | [X] Form filed by one Reporting Person | Reporting Person [] I | Form filed by more | than one |
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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) Code V | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) Amount or Price (D) | 5. 6. Amount of Owner- Securities ship Beneficially Form: 7. Owned at End Direct Nature of of Issuer's (D) or Indirect Fiscal Year Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 3 (I) Ownership and 4) (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | 12/11/02 | G | 175 D | D |
| Common Stock No Par Value | 12/12/02 | G | 130 (3) D | D |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Common Stock No Par Value | | | | 385, 908 |
| Common Stock | | | | |

Common Stock No Par Value

| Common Stock No Par Value | N/A | 1,923 | D | Employee stock purchase Plan |
|------------------------------|-----|-------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock No Par Value | N/A | 2,906 | I | By trust (de- ferred comp plan |

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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. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity | 3. Trans- action Date (Month Day/ Year) | (Instr. Code | V | Deri Secu Acqu or I of ((Ins 4 ar | str. 3, nd 5) (D) | Expirati (Month/D Date Exer- cisable | on Date ay/Year) Expira- tion Date | Title | ing and 4) Amount or Number of Shares | 8. Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5) | Year (Instr. 4) | (D) or In-direct (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner -ship (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|---|-----------------|---|--|-------------------------|--|--|-----------------|---|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Buy | d \$3.68 s | N/A | | | | | | 03/31/04 | | | | 15,625 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Buy | s y) | N/A | | | | | 05/26/99 | 05/26/04 | Common Stock | | | 11,719 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Buy | d \$4.1997 s y) | | | | | | 04/23/00 (8) | 10/23/04 | Common Stock | | | 13,673 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Buy | d \$2.88 s | N/A | | | | | 05/24/00 | 05/24/05 | Stock | | | 11,719 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Buy | s y) | N/A | | | | | 01/24/01 | 05/24/05 | | | | 31,250 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Buy | d \$3.68 s | N/A | | | | | 02/12/02 (9) | 02/12/11 | Stock | | | 31,250 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Buy | S | N/A | | | | | 05/23/01 | 05/23/11 | | | | 15,625 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Buy | S | N/A | | | | | 12/08/02 (5) | 12/08/11 | Common Stock | | | 25,000 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Buy | s /) | N/A | | | | | 05/23/02 | 05/23/12 | Common Stock | | | 10,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Represents plan holdings as of 10/28/02 (2) Represents Plan
- (3) This amendment is being filed to correct an inadvertent error in the number of shares reported as disposed of by gift.
- (5) Become exercisable in equal installments of 20% commencing 12/08/02 (7) Become exercisable in equal installments of 20% commencing 09/30/99 (8) Become exercisable in equal installments of 20% commencing 04/23/00

- (9) Become exercisable in equal installments of 20% commencing 02/12/02

/s/ KENT W. STANGER 02/13/03 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note:File three copies of this form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.