FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Stephens Martin R | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC</u> [<u>MMSI</u>] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
|---|--|------------|--------|------------------------|--------|--|------|--|---|--------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---------------|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1600 W. MERIT PARKWAY | | | | | 3. D | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/30/2010 | | | | | | | | A below | er (give title w) E <mark>xecutive</mark> | V.P. c | Other (below) of Sales | specify | |
| (Street) SOUTH UT 84095 JORDAN | | | | | 4. lf | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - | Non-Deriv | vative | Sec | urit | ies Ac | quired | l, Di | sposed o | f, or Be | eneficia | ally Owne | ed | , | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye | | | | | Year) | Execution Date, | | | | | | es Acquire Of (D) (Ins | | nd Secur | icially d | Form (D) o | n: Direct r ect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Repo Trans | | | | (| | |
| Common Stock, No Par Value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 8,658 | | I | By 401(k) Plan ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Common Stock, No Par Value 07/30/201 | | | | 10 | .0 | | М | | 10,000 | Α | \$12. | 14 1 | 0,000 | | D | | | | |
| Common Stock, No Par Value 07/30/201 | | | | | 10 | 0 | | S | | 10,000 | D | \$16.9 | 296 | 0 | | D | | | |
| | | | Tab | ole II - Deri (e.a. | | | | | | | osed of, o onvertible | | | Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion Date Exec or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if an | | | | | ransaction ode (Instr. | | lumber ivative urities juired or posed D) etr. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | ate | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactior (Instr. 4) | i liy l | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficia Ownershi | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | able | Expiration Date | Title | Amoun or Numbe of Shares | r | | | | | |
| Non- qualified stock options (right to buy) | \$15.03 | | | | | | | | 12/18/2 | :004 | 12/18/2014 | Common Stock | 20,000 |) | 20,000 |) | D | | |
| Non- qualified stock options (right to buy) | \$14.48 | | | | | | | | 07/14/20 | 05 ⁽²⁾ | 07/14/2014 | Common Stock | 5,000 | | 5,000 | | D | | |
| Non- qualified stock options (right to buy) | \$12.14 | 07/30/2010 | | | М | | | 10,000 | 12/28/2 | :005 | 12/28/2015 | Common Stock | 10,000 |) \$0 | 10,000 |) | D | | |
| Non- qualified stock options (right to buy) | \$12.13 | | | | | | | | 06/27/20 | 008 ⁽³⁾ | 06/27/2014 | Common Stock | 15,000 |) | 15,000 |) | 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) | | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | 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) | \$14.41 | | | | | | | 05/21/2009 ⁽⁴⁾ | 05/21/2015 | Common Stock | 20,000 | | 20,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents plan holdings as of 07/30/2010.

2. The option vests in equal annual installments of 1,000 shares commencing on July 14, 2005 and continuing through July 14, 2009.

3. Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 06/27/2008.

4. Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 05/21/2009.

Martin R. Stephens

08/03/2010 ** 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).

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