

HOLBROOK GEORGE W JR  
Form 4  
February 14, 2006

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HOLBROOK GEORGE W JR**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE**

(Street)

**PLEASANTON, CA 94551**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

**THORATEC CORP [THOR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

**02/13/2006**

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/13/2006                              |                                                             | M                                    | 1,875 A                                                                 | \$<br>9.375                                                                                                        | 146,591                                                              | D                                                                              |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
**(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 9.375                                                              | 02/13/2006                              |                                                             | M                                       | 1,875                                                                                                           | 02/23/2001 <sup>(1)</sup><br>02/23/2006                        | Common<br>Stock                                                |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                        | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                       | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HOLBROOK GEORGE W JR<br>6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE<br>PLEASANTON, CA 94551 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ David Lehman,  
Attorney-In-Fact

02/13/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) This option is 100% vested on the grant date.

(2) This option was granted pursuant to the Company's equity incentive plans as a non-qualified option with no payment received for the option.

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