

BURKE PETER A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BURKE PETER A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
STERIS CORP [STE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
5960 HEISLEY ROAD  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/18/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. VP & Chief Tech. Officer

MENTOR, OH 44060  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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  | (D)  | Price   |
| Common Shares, No Par Value     | 09/18/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 2,600   | A  | \$ 19.6   |
| Common Shares, No Par Value     | 09/18/2009                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 2,600   | D  | \$ 30   |
| Common Shares, No Par Value     | 09/22/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 2,400   | A  | \$ 19.6   |
| Common Shares, No               | 09/22/2009                           |  | S <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 2,400   | D  | \$ 15,000 <sup>(3)</sup>                              |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 30.0263   |

Par Value

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)

| 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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option Exercise             | \$ 19.6  | 09/18/2009                           |  | M                              | 2,600  | 04/23/2004 05/23/2012                                    | Common Shares, No Par Value                                   | 2,600                      |
| Employee Stock Option Exercise             | \$ 19.6  | 09/22/2009                           |  | M                              | 2,400  | 04/23/2004 05/23/2012                                    | Common Shares, No Par Value                                   | 2,400                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                         | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| BURKE PETER A<br>5960 HEISLEY ROAD<br>MENTOR, OH 44060 |               |           | Sr. VP & Chief Tech. Officer |       |

## Signatures

Dennis P. Patton, Authorized Representative under Power of Attorney 09/22/2009

\*\*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) These open market sales of a total of 2,600 Common Shares is pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Stock Trading Plan entered into by the Reporting Person on September 9, 2009.
- (2) These open market sales of a total of 2,400 Common Shares is pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Stock Trading Plan entered into by the Reporting Person on September 9, 2009.
- (3) 11,000 of these Common Shares are restricted. The restrictions on these Common Shares lapse as follows: 4,000 on July 27, 2010, 3,500 on May 23, 2011 and 3,500 on May 21, 2012.

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