

MERGE HEALTHCARE INC
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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 *
RECK RICHARD A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6737 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 2250

(Street)

MILWAUKEE, WI 53214

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MERGE HEALTHCARE INC [MRGE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/19/2008

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)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					18,028	D	
Common Stock					221,610	I	Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock					10,000	I	Trust ⁽²⁾

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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
											Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 1.47	08/19/2008		A	225,000	08/19/2008 ⁽³⁾	08/18/2018			Common Stock	225,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RECK RICHARD A 6737 WEST WASHINGTON STREET SUITE 2250 MILWAUKEE, WI 53214	X			

Signatures

/s/ Julie Ann B. Schumitsch, by Power of Attorney for Richard A. Reck 08/20/2008

__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) Shares of Common Stock held by the Susan M. Reck Trust, for the benefit of Susan M. and Richard A. Reck, of which Ms. Reck is the trustee, the beneficial ownership of which Mr. Reck disclaims.
 - (2) Shares of Common Stock held by the Alan C. Reck Trust, for the benefit of Mr. Reck's adult son, of which the grandparents of Mr. Reck's adult son are the grantors and Mr. Reck is the trustee; the beneficial ownership of which Mr. Reck disclaims.
 - (3) Nonqualified stock options to purchase shares of Common Stock vesting in sixteen (16) equal quarterly increments of 14,062.5, with the first increment vesting on August 19, 2008 and then subsequent increments vesting on November 30, February 28, May 31 and August 31 thereafter.

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