

FRIEDMAN JOHN H  
 Form 3  
 December 29, 2008

**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â FRIEDMAN JOHN H		(Month/Day/Year)	CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEMS INC [CSII]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/29/2008	
651 CAMPUS DRIVE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
ST. PAUL,Â MNÂ 55112			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date			
		Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	08/14/2011	Common Stock	60,000	\$ 5.71	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	10/09/2007	10/08/2017	Common Stock	6,680	\$ 5.11	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	11/13/2007	11/12/2017	Common Stock	23,320	\$ 7.36	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FRIEDMAN JOHN H 651 CAMPUS DRIVE ST. PAUL, MN 55112	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Carlye S. Landin as Attorney-in-Fact for John H. Friedman pursuant to Power of Attorney filed herewith.

12/29/2008

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Exercisable in three equal installments of 20,000 shares on 8/15/07, 8/15/08 and 8/15/09.

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### Remarks:

The options are held for the benefit of Easton Hunt Capital Partners, L.P. and Easton Capital Part

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