

Blackmore R Gregoire
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 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 and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Blackmore R Gregoire		(Month/Day/Year)	STERIS CORP [STE]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		12/16/2008		
5960 HEISLEY ROAD			(Check all applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
	(Street)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
MENTOR,Â OHÂ 44060			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(specify below)	
			SVP & Group President, L.S.	

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)
Common Shares, No Par Value	6,760 ⁽¹⁾	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Option to Purchase Common Shares	05/16/2009	06/16/2015	Common Shares, No Par Value	1,969	\$ 24.45	D	Â
Option to Purchase Common Shares	Â (2)	09/12/2016	Common Shares, No Par Value	4,688	\$ 24.72	D	Â
Option to Purchase Common Shares	Â (3)	07/27/2017	Common Shares, No Par Value	4,538	\$ 27.68	D	Â
Option to Purchase Common Shares	Â (4)	05/21/2018	Common Shares, No Par Value	8,750	\$ 30.84	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Blackmore R Gregoire 5960 HEISLEY ROAD MENTOR, OH 44060	Â	Â	Â SVP & Group President, L.S.	Â

Signatures

Dennis P. Patton, Authorized Representative under Power of Attorney 12/18/2008

__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) All 6,760 of these Common Shares are restricted. The restrictions on these Common Shares lapse as follows: 1,910 on September 7, 2009, 2,000 on July 27, 2010, and 2,850 on May 23, 2011.
- (2) These options became or become exercisable as follows: 1,562 on September 12, 2008, 1,563 on September 12, 2009 and 1,563 on September 12, 2010.
- (3) These options become exercisable as follows: 1,512 on July 27, 2009, 1,513 on July 27, 2010 and 1,513 on July 27, 2011.
- (4) These options become exercisable as follows: 2,187 on May 21, 2009, 2,187 on May 21, 2010, 2,188 on May 21, 2011 and 2,188 on May 21, 2012.

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