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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * McCarthy Michael			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PRESSTEK INC /DE/ [PRST]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
55 EXECUTIVE DRIVE			02/21/2006	X Officer (give title Other (specification) Sr. Vice President-Operations			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
HUDSON, NH 03051			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit DID Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (` ′	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)
Common Stock	02/21/2006		M	10,000	A	\$ 8.02	10,000	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S	10,000	D	\$ 11.5947	0	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)

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 or 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 Underlying Securition (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.02	02/21/2006		M	10,000	12/31/2005(1)	02/11/2015	Common Stock	10,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

McCarthy Michael

55 EXECUTIVE DRIVE Sr. Vice President-Operations

HUDSON, NH 03051

Signatures

/s/ Michael 02/23/2006 McCarthy

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).

These options were part of a grant of 100,000 options made to the reporting person on February 11, 2005. When granted, the options were scheduled to vest as follows: 50,000 on June 30, 2005, 16,667 on June 30, 2006, 16,667 on June 30, 2007 and 16,666 on June 30, 2008. On December 13, 2005, the Board of Directors of the Issuer voted to vest, effective as of December 31, 2005, all unvested outstanding options held by employees, officers, directors and consultants, including the options described herein.

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