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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CARLSON RICHARD C</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/10/2003	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SURMODICS INC [ SRDX ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ <u>VP of Strategic Planning</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
(Last) (First) (Middle) 9924 WEST 74TH STREET			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Street) EDEN PRAIRIE MN 55344			
(City) (State) (Zip)			

## 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 Stock	11,252	D	

## 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: 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			
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	09/21/2005	Common Stock	3,000	3.875	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	09/20/2006	Common Stock	12,000	8.063	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	09/18/2007	Common Stock	8,000	25.094	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	03/17/2010	Common Stock	10,000	29.17	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

- Exercisable in annual increments of 600 shares commencing on 9/21/99
- Exercisable in annual increments of 2,400 shares commencing on 9/20/00
- Exercisable in annual increments of 1,600 shares commencing on 9/18/01
- Exercisable in annual increments of 2,000 shares commencing on 3/17/04

## Remarks:

Richard Carlson12/18/2003

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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