

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>OLSETH DALE R</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 9924 WEST 74TH STREET (Street) EDEN PRAIRIE MN 55344 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SURMODICS INC [SRDX]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chairman and CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/26/2004	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock							1,289,000	D		
Common Stock							5,000	I	By Spouse	
Common Stock							2,500	I	By Grandchildren's Trust	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$3.875							(1)	09/21/2005	Common Stock	20,000	20,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$8.0625							(2)	09/20/2006	Common Stock	30,000	30,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$25.094							(3)	09/18/2007	Common Stock	14,260	14,260	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$29.17							(4)	03/17/2010	Common Stock	20,000	20,000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$21.36	01/26/2004		A		25,000		(5)	01/26/2011	Common Stock	25,000	\$0	25,000	D

Explanation of Responses:

- Exercisable in annual increments of 4,000 shares each commencing 9/21/99.
- Exercisable in annual increments of 6,000 shares each commencing 9/20/00.
- Exercisable in annual increments of 2,852 shares each commencing 9/18/01.
- Exercisable in annual increments of 4,000 shares each commencing 3/17/04.
- Exercisable in annual increments of 5,000 shares each commencing 1/26/05.

Remarks:

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01/29/2004

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 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).

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