

PURKAIT BOBBY  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  <b>Purkait, Bobby</b>		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  <b>Mentor Corporation ("MNTR")</b>		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) <b>201 Mentor Drive</b>	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>March 10, 2003</b>		Senior Vice President, Science and Technology and New Business Development			
(Street) <b>Santa Barbara, CA 93111</b>			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		7. 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	3/10/03	-----	M		10,000	A	3.375	10,000	D	

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)

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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  
Underlying Securities  
(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 of  
Derivative  
Securities  
Beneficially  
Owned at  
End of Month  
(Instr. 4)

11. Nature of  
Indirect  
Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 4)

Code

V

(A)

(D)

Date Exercisable

Expiration Date

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

Option, Right to Buy

\$3.3753/10/033/10/03

M

10,000

4/15/95

4/15/2004

Common Stock

10,000

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399,000

D

