

AAMOTH WILLIAM L
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 AAMOTH WILLIAM L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 STERIS CORP [STE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 5960 HEISLEY ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/10/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 V P - Corporate Treasurer

MENTOR, OH 44060
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Shares, No Par Value | 12/10/2010 | | M | 9,000 A \$ 24.45 | 17,952 | D | |
| Common Shares, No Par Value | 12/10/2010 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 9,000 D \$ 37.056 | 8,952 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Shares, No Par Value | | | | | 500 | I | See Footnote Below. ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Shares, No Par Value | | | | | 635 | I | See Footnote |

Par Value

Below. ⁽⁴⁾

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 Derivative Securities (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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option Exercise | \$ 24.45 | 12/10/2010 | | M | 9,000 | ⁽⁵⁾ 06/16/2015 | Common Shares, No Par Value | 9,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| AAMOTH WILLIAM L 5960 HEISLEY ROAD MENTOR, OH 44060 | | | V P - Corporate Treasurer | |

Signatures

Dennis P. Patton, Authorized Representative under Power of Attorney 12/13/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).
- (1) These open market sales of a total of 9,000 Common Shares is pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Stock Trading Plan entered into by the Reporting Person on May 10, 2010.
- (2)

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6,280 of these Common Shares are restricted. The restrictions on these Common Shares lapse as follows: 1,600 on May 23, 2011, 2,000 on May 21, 2012 and 2,680 on May 20, 2014.

- (3) Represents an investment by Mr. Aamoth in his Vanguard William L. Aamoth - Rollover IRA Brokerage Account.
- (4) Represents 648.646 units of the STERIS Corporation 401(k) Plan STERIS Stock Fund which equals 635 share equivalents as of December 10, 2010.
- (5) These options became exercisable as follows: 2,250 on May 16, 2006, 2,250 on May 16, 2007, 2,250 on May 16, 2008 and 2,250 on May 16, 2009.

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