MERGE HEALTHCARE INC

Form 4

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Merrick RIS, LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

MERGE HEALTHCARE INC

(Check all applicable)

[MRGE]

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director X 10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year)

03/01/2012

Other (specify Officer (give title below)

350 NORTH ORLEANS

STREET, 10TH FLOOR

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person

X Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

CHICAGO, IL 60654

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price Common

31,523,637 D

Stock

Common Stock

Parent 500,000 I Holding (1)

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 on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Derivative Expiration Date ecurities (Month/Day/Year) acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4, and		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Shares
Stock Options	\$ 6.33	03/01/2012		A	800,000		03/01/2013(3)	02/28/2018	Common Stock	800,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Merrick RIS, LLC 350 NORTH ORLEANS STREET 10TH FLOOR CHICAGO, IL 60654		X				
FERRO MICHAEL W JR 350 NORTH ORLEANS STREET 10TH FLOOR CHICAGO, IL 60654	X	X				

Signatures

Julie Ann B. Schumitsch, by Power of Attorney for Merrick RIS, LLC	03/05/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Julie Ann B. Schumitsch, by Power of Attorney for Michael W. Ferro, Jr.	03/05/2012
**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).
- Shares issued to Merrick Healthcare Solutions, LLC, an Indiana limited liability company (prior to its dissolution, "Merrick Healthcare"), as consideration of the purchase price of the acquisition by Merge Healthcare Incorporated ("Merge Healthcare") of the assets of and relating to the Olivia Greets business line previously owned by Merrick Healthcare, a former wholly owned subsidiary operation of Merrick Ventures, LLC, a private investment firm ("Merrick Ventures"), of which Merrick RIS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Merrick RIS"), is also a subsidiary. These shares were subsequently transferred from Merrick Healthcare to Merrick Ventures. Merrick RIS is not a beneficial owner of these shares held by Merrick Healthcare.
- Nonqualified stock options to purchase shares of Common Stock granted to Michael W. Ferro, Jr., Chairman of the Board, in lieu of cash compensation in accordance with Merge Healthcare's Director Compensation Plan.

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(3) Nonqualified stock options to purchase 200,000 shares of Common Stock vesting on each of March 1, 2013, March 1, 2014, March 1, 2015 and March 1, 2016.

Remarks:

The reporting persons are Merrick RIS, LLC ("Merrick RIS"), a Delaware limited liability company, and Michael W. Ferro, Jr. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.