

THORATEC CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HILL J DONALD

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE

(Street)

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
THORATEC CORP [THOR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/11/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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	(D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/11/2008		S		2,000	D	\$ 25.0144	904,170	I	By Separate Property Trust ⁽³⁾
Common Stock	08/12/2008		M		1,875	A	\$ 14.4	16,875	D	
Common Stock	08/12/2008		G		1,875	D	\$ 0	15,000	D	
Common Stock	08/12/2008		G		1,875	A	\$ 0	906,045	I	By Separate Property Trust ⁽³⁾

Common Stock	08/12/2008	S	1,875	D	\$ 25.0144	904,170	I	By Separate Property Trust ⁽³⁾
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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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.4	08/12/2008		M	1,875	08/21/2003 ⁽¹⁾ 08/21/2008	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HILL J DONALD 6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE PLEASANTON, CA 94588		X		

Signatures

/s/David A. Lehman,
Attorney-In-Fact

08/13/2008

__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) The options vested 100% on the date of grant.

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(2) Option was granted pursuant to the Company's 2006 Incentive Stock Plan with no payment received for the option.

(3) J. Donald Hill as Trustee of the J. Donald Hill Separate Property Living Trust U/A/D 7/23/04.

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