

CHIRON CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
Leader Meghan

(Last) (First) (Middle)
4560 HORTON STREET
(Street)

EMERYVILLE, CA 94608

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CHIRON CORP [CHIR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/17/2006

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)
V.P., Bus. Sup. Svcs. & CIO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ 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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(2)</u> | 02/17/2006 | A ⁽³⁾ | 1,600 | | | | | 02/17/2007 ⁽⁴⁾ | 02/16/2010 | Common Stock | 1,600 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Leader Meghan 4560 HORTON STREET EMERYVILLE, CA 94608 | | | V.P., Bus. Sup. Svcs. & CIO | |

Signatures

Meghan Leader by Naima Robinson as Atty-in-Fact 02/22/2006

__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).
- Each unit pertains to one share of the Issuer's common stock and may be settled either in cash or in stock based on date on which settlement occurs. Settlement will occur as the units vest, and to the extent such settlement occurs prior to the closing of the acquisition of
- (1) the Issuer by Novartis AG, the payment will be made in shares of the Issuer's common stock; otherwise, the units will be assumed by Novartis and payment will be made in cash based on the consideration paid per share of the Issuer's common stock in the Novartis acquisition.
 - (2) One-for-One
 - (3) Shares of the Issuer's common stock which become issuable upon the vesting of the units will be withheld by the Issuer in satisfaction of the applicable withholding taxes, unless the Reporting Person elects to pay such taxes in cash.
- The units will vest in four equal, successive annual installments upon the Reporting Person's completion of each year of employment with the Issuer over the four-year period measured from the Grant Date. However, the units will vest in full on an accelerated basis upon an
- (4) acquisition of the Issuer by a merger or asset sale in which the units are not assumed or upon the termination of the Reporting Person's employment with the Issuer under certain prescribed circumstances following certain changes in control or ownership of the Issuer (including the Novartis acquisition) in which the units are assumed.

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