STRYKER CORP

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Addr JOHNSON ST | * | ng Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STRYKER CORP [SYK] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check an applicable) | | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner | | | |
| 2825 AIRVIEW BLVD. | | | 08/15/2008 | X Officer (give title Other (spec | | | |
| | | | | President | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| KALAMAZOO, MI 49002 | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | ole I - Non- | Derivative | Secu | rities Acquir | ed, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | omr Dispos (Instr. 3, 4 | ed of (4 and 3 (A) or | 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) |
| Common Stock | 08/15/2008 | | Code V M | Amount 60,000 | (D) | Price \$ 12.14 | 563,731 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/15/2008 | | F | 30,244 | D | \$ 66.6 | 533,487 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2008 | | S | 29,756 | D | \$ 67.4839 | 503,731 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 6,725 | I | By 401K Plan |

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | Secu Acqu or D | rities uired (A) isposed of r. 3, 4, | 6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day) | ate | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|---|---|--|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Common Stock | \$ 12.14 | 08/15/2008 | | M | | 60,000 | (2) | 04/19/2009 | Common Stock | 60,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Poporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| | |

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JOHNSON STEPHEN SI 2825 AIRVIEW BLVD. KALAMAZOO, MI 49002

President

Signatures

Stephen Si

Johnson 08/19/2008

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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) Represents the average price for transactions in a range from \$67.45 to \$67.54.
- (2) Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Stryker Corporation 1998 Stock Option Plan, exercisable as to 20% on each of the frist five anniversaries of the date of grant.

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