STRYKER CORP

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STRYKER RONDA E			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 (Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
2825 AIRVIE	W BLVD.		02/26/2009	Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
	(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)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-Derivative Securiti	ies Acqu	uired, Disposed o	of, or Benefici	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		f (D)	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	02/26/2009		M 20,000 A \$	§ 12.14	112,000	D	
Common Stock					21,207,398 (1)	I	By L. Lee Stryker Trust
Common Stock					15,016,682 (1)	I	By Revocable Trust
Common Stock					40,000	I	By Husband

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)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock	\$ 12.14	02/26/2009		M	20,000	(2)	04/19/2009	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
STRYKER RONDA E							
2825 AIRVIEW BLVD.	X						
KALAMAZOO, MI 49002							

Signatures

Reporting Person

Ronda E.
Stryker

**Signature of 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) An aggregate of 8,210,015 shares were distributed by the L. Lee Stryker Trust to the Revocable Trust between August 1, 2008 and November 21, 2008.
- (2) Stock option granted pursuant to the Stryker Corporation 1998 Stock Option Plan, exercisable as to 20% on each of the first five anniversaries of the date of grant.

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