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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549								OMB AF OMB Number:	PROVAL 3235-0287		
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(Print or Type]	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BURKE PETER A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STERIS CORP [STE]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (M	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Check	eck all applicable)			
			12(0.)/2010					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr. VP & Chief Tech. Officer			
				l(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
MENTOR,	OH 44060							Form filed by Mo Person	ore than One Rej	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	e Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	h/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionor Disposed any Code (Instr. 3, 4 (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)		sed of 4 and (A) or	(A) Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Common Shares, No Par Value	12/03/2010			M	5,000	(D) A	\$ 22.58	22,922	D		
Common Shares, No Par Value	12/03/2010			S <u>(1)</u>	5,000	D	\$ 36.0485	17,922 <u>(2)</u>	D		

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)	Transaction of Derivative Code Securities		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
Employee Stock Option Exercise	\$ 22.58	12/03/2010		М		5,000	04/23/2004	05/23/2013	Common Shares, No Par Value	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BURKE PETER A 5960 HEISLEY ROAD MENTOR, OH 44060			Sr. VP & Chief Tecl	h. Officer			
Signatures							
Dennis P. Patton, Authorized Representative under Power of Attorney 12/06/2010							
<u>**</u> 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) These open market sales of a total of 5,000 Common Shares is pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Stock Trading Plan entered into by the Reporting Person on May 19, 2010.
- (2) 11,200 of these Common Shares are restricted. The restrictions on these Common Shares lapse as follows: 3,500 on May 23, 2011, 3,500 on May 21, 2012 and 4,200 on May 20, 2014.

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