LEVY RICARDO B

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LEVY RICARDO B

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

C/O STEMCELLS, INC., 3155 PORTER DRIVE

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

STEMCELLS INC [STEM]

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

09/26/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code 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 or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	ed of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.08	09/26/2008		A <u>(1)</u>		10,000		09/26/2009(1)	09/26/2018	Common Stock	10,000 (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LEVY RICARDO B							
C/O STEMCELLS, INC.	v						
3155 PORTER DRIVE	X						
PALO ALTO, CA 94304							

Signatures

Ricardo B. Levy by Ken Stratton, Attorney-in-Fact 09/29/2008

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Compensated non-employee directors receive an initial option for 20,000 shares of the Company's common stock on appointment to the Board of Directors as such, and an option for 10,000 shares on each anniversary of appointment, with a strike price equal to the closing

Date

(1) price of the stock on such date (or the last preceding business day if such day is not a business day); initial options vest 1/3 on each of the first three anniversaries of appointment, and annual options vest on the first anniversary of each such option. Dr. Levy was appointed to the Board on September 26, 2001.

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