

BURKE PETER A  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
BURKE PETER A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
STERIS CORP [STE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
5960 HEISLEY ROAD  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. VP & Chief Tech. Officer

MENTOR, OH 44060  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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**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 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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Shares, No Par Value	12/15/2010		M		7,000 A \$ 22.58	24,922	D
Common Shares, No Par Value	12/15/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>		7,000 D \$ 37.5306	17,922 <sup>(2)</sup>	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Exercise	\$ 22.58	12/15/2010		M	7,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 05/23/2013	Common Shares, No Par Value	7,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BURKE PETER A 5960 HEISLEY ROAD MENTOR, OH 44060			Sr. VP & Chief Tech. Officer	

## Signatures

Dennis P. Patton, Authorized Representative under Power of Attorney  
 12/15/2010  
 \*\*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).
- (1) These open market sales of a total of 7,000 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.
- (3) These options became exercisable as follows: 1,750 on April 23, 2004 and 5,250 on April 23, 2005.

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