

Hoffmeister David F  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 Hoffmeister David F

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1600 FARADAY AVENUE  
 (Street)

CARLSBAD, CA 92008

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 INVITROGEN CORP [IVGN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/30/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Stock	04/30/2005		J		362	A	\$ 58.5905
					362	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)**

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 76.86	05/13/2005		A	1,301	(1) 05/13/2015	Common Stock	1,301
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 76.86	05/13/2005		A	13,699	(1) 05/13/2015	Common Stock	13,699
Restricted Share Units	\$ 0	05/13/2005		A	4,500	(2) (3)	Common Stock	4,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hoffmeister David F 1600 FARADAY AVENUE CARLSBAD, CA 92008			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

By: John A. Cottingham For: David F. Hoffmeister      05/17/2005

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*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) Option vesting is over a 4 year period, vesting 25% on each anniversary of the May 13, 2005 grant date, contingent upon continued service to Invitrogen.
- (2) The restricted share units shall vest 100% on the third anniversary of the May 13, 2005 grant date.
- (3) Once vested, restricted share units do not expire. They can be converted into shares of Invitrogen common stock upon the termination of the Director's service to the Registrant.

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