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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading THIER SAMUEL O MD Issuer Symbol MERCK & CO INC [(MRK)]

(Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

> (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 04/30/2008 below)

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL, 55 FRUIT ST., **BULFINCH 370**

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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

BOSTON, MA 02114-2606

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

> Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 20 D Stock

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 onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Director Stock Option 2008/04/30 (right to buy)	\$ 38.04	04/30/2008		A	5,000	04/30/2009(1)	04/29/2018	Common Stock
Phantom Stock	(2)	04/30/2008		A	1,445.8465	(3)	(3)	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
Transfer of the second	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
THIER SAMUEL O MD					
MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL	X				
55 FRUIT ST., BULFINCH 370	Λ				
BOSTON, MA 02114-2606					

Signatures

Debra A. Bollwage as Attorney-in-Fact for Samuel O.
Thier

05/02/2008

**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) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on April 30, 2009.
- (2) 1-for-1
- (3) Phantom stock units are to be settled 100% in cash upon reporting person's termination of service in accordance with a distribution schedule elected pursuant to the terms of the Plan for Deferred Payment of Directors' Compensation.
- (4) Holdings include shares acquired in dividend reinvestment transactions.

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