

ECKERT R ANDREW
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FORM 4

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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 *
 ECKERT R ANDREW

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VARIAN MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC [VAR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/13/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

C/O VARIAN MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC., 3100 HANSEN WAY, MAIL STOP E-327

(Street)

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

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

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 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/17/2009		M	2,000 A \$ 0	5,000	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)
Deferred Stock Units	(1)	02/13/2009		A	2,691	(2) (2)	Common Stock 2,691
Non Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.17	02/13/2009		A	5,000	02/13/2009(3) 02/13/2016	Common Stock 5,000
Deferred Stock Units	(1)	02/17/2009		M	2,000	(4) (4)	Common Stock 2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ECKERT R ANDREW
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Signatures

/s/ Franco N. Palomba, Attorney in Fact for R. Andrew Eckert

02/18/2009

__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) Each Deferred Stock Unit represents the right to receive one share of VAR common stock.

(2) The Deferred Stock Units vest in four equal quarterly installments over a 12 month period beginning February 13, 2009. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person the earlier of three years from the grant date, or termination/retirement date.

(3) Stock option granted under the Varian Medical Systems, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan, which complies with Rule 16b-3.

(4)

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The Deferred Stock Units vest in four equal quarterly installments over a 12 month period beginning February 17, 2006. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person the earlier of three years from the grant date, or termination/retirement date.

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