

THORATEC CORP

Form 4

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FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Lehman David Aaron

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE

(Street)

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

THORATEC CORP [THOR]

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

10/11/2013

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)

SVP and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
Common Stock	10/11/2013 ⁽³⁾		M	16,000	A \$ 17.91	64,966	D
Common Stock	10/11/2013 ⁽³⁾		S	16,000	D \$ 38.1673	48,966	D
Common Stock	10/11/2013 ⁽³⁾		S	5,889	D \$ 38.1673	43,077	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)
Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.91	10/11/2013 ⁽³⁾		M	16,000	02/13/2008 ⁽²⁾ 02/13/2017	Common Stock 16,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Lehman David Aaron 6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE PLEASANTON, CA 94588	Director 10% Owner Officer SVP and General Counsel

Signatures

/s/David A. Lehman 10/14/2013

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

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(1) Options were granted pursuant to the Company's equity incentive plan with no payments received for the options.

(2) Options vest in four equal annual installments commencing one year after the grant date.

Options exercised and shares of Common Stock sold pursuant to a Sales Plan established by the Reporting Person on September 10, 2013, which Sales Plan is intended to comply with the requirements of Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades in prices ranging from \$37.84 to \$38.40. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the Issuer, or a stockholder of the Issuer, information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

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