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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

STERIS Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Ohio 34-1482024 (State or Other Jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer

Incorporation or Organization) Identification No.)

5960 Heisley Road, Mentor, Ohio 44060-1834 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

STERIS Corporation 2006 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan

(Full Title of the Plan)

Mark D. McGinley, Esq.

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary

STERIS Corporation

5960 Heisley Road, Mentor, Ohio 44060-1834

(440) 354-2600

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Agent For Service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities To Be Registered	Amount To Be Registered (1)(2)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (3)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Shares, without par value (4)	6,600,000	\$ 22.89	\$ 151,074,000	\$ 16,165

- (1) Represents maximum number of common shares of the Registrant, without par value (Common Shares), issuable pursuant to the STERIS Corporation 2006 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan (the Plan) being registered hereon.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 416 of the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act), this Registration Statement also covers such additional Common Shares as may become issuable pursuant to the anti-dilution provisions of the Plan.
- (3) Estimated solely for calculating the amount of the registration fee, pursuant to paragraphs (c) and (h) of Rule 457 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Act, on the basis of the average of the high and low sale prices of such securities on the New York Stock Exchange on July 26, 2006, within five business days prior to filing.
- (4) Each Common Share includes one Common Share purchase right (a Right). Such Rights are currently not exercisable. The terms of the Rights are described in the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant s Form 8-A/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 16, 1999, and Amendment No. 1 thereto, filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant s Form 8-A/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 10, 2002.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents have been filed by STERIS Corporation, an Ohio corporation (the Registrant), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) and are incorporated herein by reference:

- (a) The Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2006;
- (b) The Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 2, 2006;
- (c) The Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on June 7, 2006;
- (d) The Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 28, 2006;
- (e) The description of the Registrant's Common Shares contained in the registration statement on Form 8-A filed on November 25, 1998, including any subsequently filed amendments and reports updating such description; and
- (f) The description of the Registrant s Rights contained in the registration statement on Form 8-A filed on November 25, 1998, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on Form 8-A/A filed on April 16, 1999 and Amendment No. 2 on Form 8-A/A filed on June 10, 2002, including any subsequently filed amendments and reports updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment that indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, will be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this registration statement and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this registration statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

The legality of the Common Shares and Rights being offered by this registration statement has been passed upon for the Registrant by Mr. Mark D. McGinley. Mr. McGinley is the Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of the Registrant. As of June 30, 2006, Mr. McGinley held 574 Common Shares and had been granted options to purchase another 81,500 Common Shares.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The Registrant is an Ohio corporation. Under Section 1701.13 of the Ohio Revised Code (the Ohio Revised Code), Ohio corporations are permitted to indemnify directors, officers, employees and agents within prescribed limits and must indemnify them under certain circumstances. The Ohio Revised Code does not authorize the payment by a corporation of judgments against a director, officer, employee or agent after a finding of negligence or misconduct in a derivative suit absent a court order determining that such person succeeds on the merits. In all other cases, if it is determined that a director, officer, employee or agent acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the corporation, indemnification is discretionary except as otherwise provided by a corporation s articles of incorporation, code of regulations or contract, and except with respect to the advancement of expenses of directors.

The Registrant s Amended and Restated Regulations provide that the Registrant will, in all actions other than derivative actions, indemnify any director, officer, employee, or agent of the Registrant, or any person serving as a director, trustee, officer, employee, or agent of another entity at the request of the Registrant, against expenses (including attorneys fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the action, suit, or proceeding unless it is proved by clear and convincing evidence that the action or failure to act involved an act or omission undertaken with deliberate intent to cause injury to the Registrant or undertaken with reckless disregard for the best interests of the Registrant. With respect to derivative actions, the Registrant s Amended and Restated Regulations provide that the Registrant will indemnify any director (unless the action or suit is one in which the liability of the director under Section 1701.95 of the Ohio Revised Code is the only liability asserted), officer, employee, or agent of the Registrant, or any person serving as a director, trustee, officer, employee, or agent of another entity at the request of Registrant, against expenses actually and reasonably incurred in the defense or settlement of the action unless it is proved by clear and convincing evidence that the action or failure to act involved an act or omission undertaken with deliberate intent to cause injury to the Registrant or undertaken with reckless disregard for the best interests of the Registrant. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Registrant will indemnify such directors, officers, employees, and agents in a derivative action if the court in which the action was brought determines that, despite the proof but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such director, officer, employee, or agent is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses as the court shall deem proper.

The statutory right to indemnification is not exclusive in Ohio, and Ohio corporations may, among other things, purchase insurance to indemnify those persons. The Registrant s Amended and Restated Regulations likewise provide that the Registrant may purchase insurance to indemnify directors, officers, employees, or agents of the Registrant.

With respect to the advancement of expenses, the Ohio Revised Code provides that a director (but not an officer, employee or agent) is entitled to mandatory advancement of expenses, including attorney s fees, incurred in defending any action, including derivative actions, brought against the director, provided that the director agrees to cooperate with the corporation concerning the matter and to repay the amount advanced if it is proven by clear and convincing evidence that his or her act or failure to act was done with deliberate intent to cause injury to the corporation or with reckless disregard for the corporation s best interests. The Registrant s Amended and Restated Regulations provide that the Registrant will advance expenses to a director (unless the action or suit is one in which the liability of the director under Section 1701.95 of the Ohio Revised Code is the only liability asserted), officer, employee, or agent of the Registrant incurred in defending any action, suit, or proceeding, whether derivative or otherwise, provided that such director, officer, employee, or agent agrees to both (a) repay the amount advanced if it is proven by clear and convincing evidence that the action or failure to act involved an act

or omission undertaken with deliberate intent to cause injury to the Registrant or undertaken with reckless disregard for the best interests of the Registrant and (b) to cooperate with the Registrant concerning the action, suit, or proceeding.

Under the terms of the Registrant's directors and officers liability and company reimbursement insurance policy, the directors and officers of the Registrant are insured against certain liabilities which may arise in their individual capacity as such.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number Description 4.1 1992 Amended Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended on May 14, 1996, November 6, 1996, and August 6, 1998, previously filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant s Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000 (Commission File No. 1-14643), and incorporated herein by reference.

- 4.2 Amended and Restated Regulations of the Registrant, previously filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant s Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2004 (Commission File No. 1-14643), and incorporated herein by reference.
- 4.3 Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated as of January 21, 1999, previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A filed April 16, 1999 (Commission File No. 1-14643), and incorporated herein by reference.
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- 5.1 Opinion of Mark D. McGinley, General Counsel of the Registrant.
- 23.1 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
- 23.2 Consent of Mark D. McGinley, General Counsel of the Registrant (Included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 24.1 Power of Attorney.

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Item 9. Undertakings.

- (a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:
- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
- (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in the volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of a prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement.
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this registration statement or any material change to such information in this registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment will be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant s annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan s annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (h) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than

the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Mentor, State of Ohio, on the 2nd day of August, 2006.

STERIS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Laurie Brlas Laurie Brlas

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
*	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	August 2, 2006
Les C. Vinney		
*	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	August 2, 2006
Laurie Brlas		
*	Director	August 2, 2006
John P. Wareham		
*	Director	August 2, 2006
Cynthia L. Feldmann		
*	Director	August 2, 2006
Stephen R. Hardis		
*	Director	August 2, 2006
Jacqueline B. Kosecoff		
*	Director	August 2, 2006
Raymond A. Lancaster		
*	Director	August 2, 2006
Kevin M. McMullen		
*	Director	August 2, 2006
J.B. Richey		

* Director August 2, 2006

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*	Director	August 2, 2006
Loyal W. Wilson		
*	Director	August 2, 2006
Michael B. Wood		

^{*} This registration statement has been signed on behalf of the above officers and directors by Mark D. McGinley, as attorney-in-fact pursuant to a power of attorney filed as Exhibit 24.1 to this registration statement.

By: /s/ Mark D. McGinley Mark D. McGinley Attorney-in-Fact

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