FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SCHWARTZ JOHN J					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEMCELLS INC [STEM]										lationship of ck all applica Director		Perso	on(s) to Issu 10% Ow		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O STEMCELLS, INC.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/17/2009										Officer (below)	give title		Other (s below)	pecify	
3155 PORTER DRIVE						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Ind	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street) PALO A	LTO C.	A	94304											X		Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)																	
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
Date				2. Transact Date (Month/Day	Execution Dat			te,	Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) Amount (A) or (D)						Form:	Direct Indirect Str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	<i>,</i>				Price	Transaction (Instr. 3 ar	ction(s)			iiisu. 4)	
	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/Yea	Code (Instr.		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)			le and	7. Title a of Secur Underlyi Security 4)	ities ng De	erivative	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	s s illy	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exer	rcisable	Ex Da	piration ite	Title	Nu	nount or imber of ares										
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$1.69	04/17/2009		A ⁽¹⁾		10,000		04/1	7/2010 ⁽¹⁾	04	/17/2019	Common Stock	1 10),000(1)	\$0.00 ⁽¹⁾	10,00	0	D		

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/ Ken Stratton, attorney-in-fact 04/21/2009

** Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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^{1.} Compensated non-employee directors receive an initial option for 20,000 shares of the Company's common stock on appointment to the Board of Directors as such, and an option for 10,000 shares on each anniversary of appointment, with a strike price equal to the closing price of the stock on such date (or the last preceding business day if such day is not a business day); initial options vest 1/3 on each of the first three anniversaries of appointment, and annual options vest on the first anniversary of each such option.