FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Young Rodney KB                        |  |   |  |            |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEMCELLS INC [ STEM ] |   |                  |                     |  |        |  |  |            |  | tionship of Repor<br>all applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title |   | 10% Othe  |  | Issuer Owner r (specify  |
|--|--|---|--|------------|--|--|---|------------------|---------------------|--|--------|--|--|------------|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) STEMCE  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2009 |  |            |  |  |   |                  |                     |  |        | Λ  | belov  | ,          | FO   | below)  |   |   |  |  |
| 3155 PORTER DRIVE  (Street) PALO ALTO CA 94304  (City) (State) (Zip)             |  |   |  |            | 4. If                                      | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)           |   |                  |                     |  |        |  |  |            | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |   |  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |   |  |            |  |  |   |                  |                     |  |        |  |  |            |  |   |   |   |  |  |
| == 1 1.1.0 or coounty (c o)  |  |   |  |            | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                  | Code                | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)                           |        | ties Acquired (A)<br>d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |  |            | 4 and Seco   |   | cially<br>I Following   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |
|  |  |   |  | Code       | v  | Amount   |   |                  |                     | A) or<br>D)  | Price  | , l  | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)   |            |  |   | (   |   |  |  |
| Common   | Stock  |   | 03/10  | 03/10/2009 |  |  |   | F                |                     | 28,750   | 0 D \$ |  | \$1.   | 1.71 190,0 |  | 0,098(1)  | D   |   |  |  |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |  |            |  |  |   |                  |                     |  |        |  |  |            |  |   |   |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                              | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)                  | 3A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | Date,      |  | Transaction<br>Code (Instr.  |   | of               |                     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |        |  | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. and 4) |            |  | ce of<br>ative<br>rity<br>. 5)  | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |  | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |  |   |  |            | Code                                       |  |   | Date<br>Exercisa | Date Exercisable Da |  | Title  | or<br>Nur<br>of<br>Sha                     | nber   |            |  |   |   |   |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1.1 Includes 137500 restricted stock units, with 1/2 of these vesting on March 10, 2010, and 1/2 of these vesting on March 10, 1/2

## Remarks:

Rodney K.B. Young by Ken Stratton, as attorney-in-fact

03/12/2009

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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