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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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> <u>LEVY RICARDO B</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEMCELLS INC stem	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
				X	Director	10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O STEMCELLS, INC.		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2003		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
3155 PORTER DRIVE			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Gro Line)					
(Street)				X	Form filed by One F	Reporting Person			
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(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. Transa Code ( 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	(D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130.1.4)

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/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$0.25	12/31/2003		A <sup>(1)</sup>		2,601		12/31/2003	12/31/2013	Common Stock	2,941	\$0 <sup>(1)</sup>	2,941	D	

### Explanation of Responses:

1. Compensation for service on the Board of Directors and for attendance at Board meetings. Non-employee directors receive compensation in the form of options to purchase shares of the Company's common stock at below market prices (\$0.25 per share), in lieu of cash payments of \$4,500 quarterly, \$1,500 per Board meeting attended in person or videoconference, and \$500 for a Board meeting attended by telephone or for a Committee meeting not coincident with a Board meeting. The number of shares is calculated using the closing price of the Company's common stock for the last business day of the quarter, less the option price of \$0.25 per share. Options so issued vest immediately.

#### Remarks:

Ricardo B. Levy by Iris Brest,

Attorney-in-Fact

#### 12/31/2003

\*\* 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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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