FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Salinas Eliseo Oreste (Month/Day/Year) 06/06/2013 | | | nent | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEMCELLS INC [STEM] | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|----------|---|--|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| (Last) C/O STEMC | (First) | (Middle) | | | | ationship of Reporting Perso c all applicable) Director | son(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below) | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |
| 7707 GATEWAY BLVD., STE 140 | | | | | X | Officer (give title below) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | |
| (Street) NEWARK | CA | 94560 | | | | EVP and Head of | R&D | | X | | y One Reporting Person y More than One erson |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | | ially Owned (Instr. 4) | | | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | | |
| no securities beneficially held at time of hire | | | | | | 0 | D | | | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | ate | Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Conve | | Conve | rcise Form: | | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | | |
| | | | Date Exercisable | Expiratio Date | n Title | 9 | Amount or Number of Shares | Price o Derivat Securit | tive | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/ Ken Stratton, attorney-in-<u>fact</u>

06/17/2013

** 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 5 (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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Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Kenneth Stratton, George Koshy and Martin McGlynn, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of StemCells, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority, including the NASDAQ Stock Market; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 or the rules promulgated thereunder, including Rule 144, or the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 or the rules promulgated thereunder, including Section 16.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 12th day of June, 2013.

/s/ Eliseo O. Salinas Signature

Eliseo O. Salinas Print Name