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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 Addre	1 0	Person [*]	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>STEMCELLS INC</u> [STEM]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
<u>SCHWARTZ JOHN J</u>				X	Director	10% Owner			
(Last) C/O STEMCEI	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/18/2004		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
3155 PORTER DRIVE			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable				
(Street) PALO ALTO	СА	94304		X	Form filed by One Rep Form filed by More that Person	0			
(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)	if any	3. Transa Code (8)	Iction	Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 		(Instr. 4)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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 Derivati Securiti Acquire (A) or Dispose of (D) (II	Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Decurities Acquired		e	d 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)	\$1.72	04/18/2004		A ⁽¹⁾		15,000		04/18/2005 ⁽¹⁾	04/18/2014	Common Stock	15,000(1)	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	15,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Non-employee directors receive an option for 20,000 shares of the Company's common stock on appointment to the Board of Directors, and 15,000 shares on each third anniversary of appointment, with a strike price equal to the closing price of the stock on such date and vesting one third on each of the first three anniversaries of each such option. Dr. Schwartz last received such an option on April 18, 2001.

Remarks:

John J. Schwartz by Iris Brest,

Attorney-in-Fact

04/19/2004

** 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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