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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Stratton Kenneth Blair</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O STEMCELLS, INC. 3155 PORTER DRIVE  (Street) PALO ALTO CA 94304  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>STEMCELLS INC [ STEM ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>General Counsel</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/15/2009</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. 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. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock	05/15/2009		A		93,333	A	\$0.00 <sup>(1)</sup>	148,333 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock								9,878	I	By 401(k) Plan <sup>(3)</sup>

**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		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)		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
Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$1.75	05/15/2009		A		35,000		05/15/2010 <sup>(4)</sup>	05/15/2019	Common Stock	35,000	\$0.00	35,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Restricted stock units, with 1/4 vesting on each of the four anniversaries following the grant.
2. Includes 55,000 restricted stock units, with 1/2 of these vesting on March 10, 2010, and 1/2 of these vesting on March 10, 2011.
3. Shares held in 401(k) account, in accordance with issuer's employer-match policies.
4. Employee Incentive Stock Option; vests 1/4 on the first anniversary of the grant and 1/48 per month thereafter.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Ken Stratton

05/19/2009

\*\* 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).

\*\* 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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