

Thatcher Robert J
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Thatcher Robert J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Cardiovascular Systems Inc [CSII]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/13/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive VP

651 CAMPUS DRIVE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ST. PAUL, MN 55112

(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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 08/13/2012 | | A | | 6,206 (1) | A | \$ 0 115,380 D |
| Common Stock | 08/13/2012 | | A | | 6,206 (2) | A | \$ 0 121,586 D |
| Common Stock | 08/13/2012 | | A | | 12,412 (3) | A | \$ 0 133,998 D |
| Common Stock | 08/15/2012 | | S | | 1,040 (4) | D | \$ 8.9178 132,958 D |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 12.37 | | | | | (5) 10/16/2015 | | Common Stock | 64,700 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 8.83 | | | | | (5) 12/18/2016 | | Common Stock | 7,764 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 8.83 | | | | | (5) 04/17/2017 | | Common Stock | 29,762 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 7.9 | | | | | (5) 08/06/2017 | | Common Stock | 22,645 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 12.15 | | | | | (5) 12/11/2017 | | Common Stock | 32,350 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 8.75 | | | | | (5) 03/01/2019 | | Common Stock | 11,646 |
| Warrant | \$ 8.83 | | | | | 02/25/2009 02/24/2014 | | Common Stock | 3,045 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Thatcher Robert J 651 CAMPUS DRIVE ST. PAUL, MN 55112 | | | Executive VP | |

Signatures

/s/ Scott J. Dorfman as Attorney-in-Fact for Robert J. Thatcher pursuant to Power of Attorney previously filed.

08/15/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Subject to performance-based forfeiture based on total shareholder return for fiscal 2013 versus the Company's peer group.
- (2) Subject to performance-based forfeiture based on annual revenue growth for fiscal 2013 versus the Company's peer group.
- (3) Restrictions lapse over a three year period.

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$8.83 to \$9.00 inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Cardiovascular Systems, Inc., any security holder of Cardiovascular Systems, Inc. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- (4)
 - (5) Fully exercisable.

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