MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC

Form SC 13G February 15, 2006

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Merit Medical Systems Inc
(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock, No par value
(Title of Class of Securities)
589889104
(CUSIP Number)
July 11, 2005
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)
Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:
[X] Rule 13d-1(b)
[_] Rule 13d-1(c)
[_] Rule 13d-1(d)
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CUSIP No. 589889104 13G
1. Name of Reporting Person I.R.S. Identification No. of above Person

The Bank of New York Co., Inc

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2. Check the Appr	opriate Box if a Member o	f a Group (a) [_] (b) [_]
3. SEC Use Only		
4. Citizenship or Delaware	Place of Organization	
	5. Sole Voting Power	
Number of	0	
Shares	6. Shared Voting Power	
Beneficially	1,429,417	
Owned by		
Each	7. Sole Dispositive Po	wer
Reporting	0	
Person	8. Shared Dispositive	 Power
With:	1,429,417	
9. Aggregate Amou	nt Beneficially Owned by	Each Reporting Person
1,429,417		
10. Check if the A	ggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares
		[_]
11. Percent of Cla	ss Represented by Amount	in Row (9)
5.27%		
12. Type of Report	ing Person	
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	ting Person fication No. of abo	ve Person	
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2. Check the App	ropriate Box if a M	ember of a Group	(a) [_] (b) [_]
3. SEC Use Only			
4. Citizenship o	r Place of Organiza	tion	
	5. Sole Voting	 Power	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by	0		
	6. Shared Votin		
Each	7. Sole Disposi	 tive Power	
Reporting	0		
Person With:	8. Shared Dispo		
1,429,41	7	ned by Each Reporting F	 Person
	Aggregate Amount in	Row (9) Excludes Certa	ain Shares
11. Percent of Cl. 5.27%	ass Represented by .	Amount in Row (9)	

12. Type of Reporting Person

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Item 1(a)	•	Name of Issuer:
		Merit Medical Systems Inc
Item 1(b)	•	Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
		1600 West Merit Park Way South Jordan, UT 84095
Item 2(a)		Name of Persons Filing:
		The Bank of New York Co., Inc The Bank of New York
Item 2(b)	•	Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:
		One Wall Street New York, NY 10004
Item 2(c)	•	Citizenship:
		The Bank of New York Co., Inc - Delaware The Bank of New York - New York
Item 2(d)		Title of Class of Securities:
		Common Stock, no par value
Item 2(e).		CUSIP Number:
		589889104
Item 3.		If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a :
	(a).[_]	Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 780).
	(b).[X]	Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
	(c).[_]	Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. $78c$).
	(d).[_]	Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
	(e).[_]	An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);

- (f).[_] An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1 (b) (1) (ii) (F);
- (g).[X] A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h).[_] A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i).[_] A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j).[_] Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

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Item 4. Ownership. *

- (a). Amount beneficially owned: 819,095
- (b). Percent of Class: 0
- (c). Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i). Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
 - (ii). Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 1,429,417
 - (iii). Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: $\ensuremath{\text{0}}$
 - (iv). Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 1,429,417
- Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Not Applicable

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not Applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

Not Applicable

- Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group. Not Applicable
- Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

 Not Applicable
- Item 10. Certification.

 By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge

and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 14,2006

The Bank of New York Co., Inc

By:

Name: Steven Pisarkiewicz Attorney-in-fact

The Bank of New York

By:

Name - Characa Disambiania

Name: Steven Pisarkiewicz Title: Executive Vice President

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Exhibit A

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JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned hereby agree to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of a statement on Schedule 13G (including amendments thereto) with respect to the Common Stock, no par value, of Merit Medical Systems Inc. and that this Agreement be included as an Exhibit to such joint filing. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereby execute this Agreement this 14th day of February, 2006.

Dated: February 14, 2006 The Bank of New York Company, Inc.

By: /s/ Steven Pisarkiewicz

Steven Pisarkiewicz Attorney-in-Fact

The Bank of New York

Dated: February 14, 2006 By: /s/ Steven Pisarkiewicz

Steven Pisarkiewicz Executive Vice President

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Exhibit B

Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that The Bank of New York Company, Inc. (the Company) does hereby make, constitute and appoint each of Leslie Godridge, Steven Pisarkiewicz, and Kevin Bannon (and any other employee of The Bank of New York or one of its affiliates designated in writing by one of the attorneys-in -fact), acting individually, its true and lawful attorney, to execute and deliver in its name and on its behalf, whether the Company is acting individually or as representative of others, any and all filings required to be made by the Company under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), with respect to securities which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the Company under the Act, giving and granting unto each said attorney-in-fact power and authority to act in the premises as fully and to all intents and purposes as the Company might or could do if personally present by one of its authorized signatories, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY shall remain in full force and effect until either revoked in writing by the undersigned or until such time as the person or persons to whom power of attorney has been hereby granted cease(s) to be an employee of The Bank of New York or one of its affiliates.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly subscribed these presents as of December 5, 2005.

The Bank of New York Company, Inc.

By:/s/ John M. Liftin

Name: John M. Liftin

Title: Vice Chairman, General Counsel, and Secretary

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