

Hoffmeister David F
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Hoffmeister David F

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1600 FARADAY AVENUE
 (Street)

CARLSBAD, CA 92008

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 INVITROGEN CORP [IVGN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 04/30/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
Common Stock	04/30/2005		J	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 362 A \$ 58.5905	362	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)

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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. 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 76.86	05/13/2005		A	1,301	(1)	05/13/2015	Common Stock	1,301
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 76.86	05/13/2005		A	13,699	(1)	05/13/2015	Common Stock	13,699
Restricted Share Units	\$ 0	05/13/2005		A	4,500	(2)	(3)	Common Stock	4,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hoffmeister David F 1600 FARADAY AVENUE CARLSBAD, CA 92008			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

By: John A. Cottingham For: David F.
Hoffmeister 05/17/2005

__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) Option vesting is over a 4 year period, vesting 25% on each anniversary of the May 13, 2005 grant date, contingent upon continued service to Invitrogen.
- (2) The restricted share units shall vest 100% on the third anniversary of the May 13, 2005 grant date.
- (3) Once vested, restricted share units do not expire. They can be converted into shares of Invitrogen common stock upon the termination of the Director's service to the Registrant.

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