

VARIAN MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC
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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 *
THIRY KENT J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VARIAN MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC., 3100 HANSEN WAY, MAIL STOP E-327

(Street)

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VARIAN MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC [VAR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/28/2008

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			(A) or (D)	Code V	Amount	Price	

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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	02/28/2008	02/29/2008	A(2)	1,143.5106		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,143.5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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 PALO ALTO, CA 94304

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Signatures

By: Franco N. Palomba For: Kent J. Thiry by attached
 POA

02/29/2008

__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) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one share of VAR common stock or the cash value thereof.

Phantom shares were acquired under the Varian Medical Systems, Inc. 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan. The shares of phantom stock

(2) become payable, in cash or common stock, at the election of the reporting person, upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director, according to the guidelines of the Varian Medical Systems, Inc. 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan.

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