

MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE INC  
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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 \*  
**MOTTO WILLIAM J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE INC [VIVO]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/10/2005**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman, CEO**

**MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE, INC, 3471 RIVER HILLS 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  
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**CINCINNATI, OH 45244**

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (A) or (D)                                               | Price                                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 11/14/2005                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 30,000                                                                                        | A                                                        | \$ 4.79                                               |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 444,750                                                                                       | I                                                        | By Trusts <sup>(2)</sup>                              |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 2,368,156                                                                                     | I                                                        | By partnership <sup>(1)</sup>                         |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code V (A) (D)                 |                                                                                         | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title                                                       |                            |
| Option to Buy (Right to Buy Common Stock)  | \$ 21.01                                               | 11/10/2005                           |                                                    | A                              | 10,500                                                                                  | (3) 11/10/2015                                           | Common Stock                                                | 10,500                     |
| Option to Buy (Right to Buy Common Stock)  | \$ 4.79                                                | 11/14/2005                           |                                                    | M                              | 30,000                                                                                  | 11/16/2000 11/12/2005                                    | Common Stock                                                | 10,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                | Relationships |           |               |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
|                                                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer       | Other |
| MOTTO WILLIAM J<br>MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE, INC<br>3471 RIVER HILLS DRIVE<br>CINCINNATI, OH 45244 | X             | X         | Chairman, CEO |       |

## Signatures

Melissa Lueke, Attorney-in-Fact for William J. Motto  
Date: 11/15/2005

\_\_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) The sole general partner of this limited partnership, Motto Vivo Family Limited Partnership, is Motto Management, LLC, which holds 1% of the Limited Partnership. (The 100% owner of Motto Management, LLC is William J. Motto and David H. Motto, Trustees under

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the William J. Motto Revocable Trust.) The only other limited partner is William J. Motto and David H. Motto, Trustees under the William J. Motto Revocable Trust. Mr. Motto disclaims beneficial ownership of Meridian's common stock held by the Limited Partnership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

- (2) Shares held by irrevocable trusts over which Mr. Motto maintains beneficial ownership.

These non-qualified stock options are granted under the Company's 2004 Equity Compensation Plan and will vest over a three year period

- (3) commencing at such time as the Company has reported to the public net earnings of \$16,950,000 or greater for fiscal 2006. If net earnings do not reach \$16,950,000 or higher for such year, the options become void.

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