

BIO RAD LABORATORIES INC
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 STARK JAMES R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BIO RAD LABORATORIES INC
 [BIO, BIO.B]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Controller

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O BIO-RAD LABORATORIES,
 INC., 1000 ALFRED NOBEL
 DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 08/21/2008

HERCULES, CA 94547

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

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Bio-Rad A Common Stock | 08/21/2008 | | M | 3,000 | A \$ 28.61 | 4,926 | D |
| Bio-Rad A Common Stock | 08/21/2008 | | M | 2,000 | A \$ 35.5 | 6,926 | D |
| Bio-Rad A Common Stock | 08/21/2008 | | M | 2,500 | A \$ 10.75 | 9,426 | D |

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Bio-Rad A
Common Stock 08/21/2008 S 7,500 D \$ 100.5 1,926 D

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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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 28.61 | 08/21/2008 | | M | 3,000 | 02/06/2003 02/06/2012 | Bio-Rad A Common Stock | 3,000 |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 35.5 | 08/21/2008 | | M | 2,000 | 02/05/2004 02/05/2013 | Bio-Rad A Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 10.75 | 08/21/2008 | | M | 2,500 | 09/19/2001 09/19/2010 | Bio-Rad A Common Stock | 2,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| STARK JAMES R C/O BIO-RAD LABORATORIES, INC. | | | Controller | |

1000 ALFRED NOBEL DRIVE
HERCULES, CA 94547

Signatures

James R Stark

08/22/2008

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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