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FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Steckel Ronald (Last) (First) (Middle) 1212 TERRA BELLA AVENUE			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>IRIDEX CORP</u> [IRIX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2012	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP, Operations					
(Street) MOUNTAIN VIEW (City)	CA (State)	94043 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
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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. Transa Code (8)	ction	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)

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. Transa Code (8)		of Derivati Securiti Acquire (A) or Dispose of (D) (I	Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Securities Acquired		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾	\$3.856	12/13/2012		A		30,000		02/01/2013 ⁽²⁾	12/13/2019	Common Stock	30,000	\$0	30,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. This option was granted pursuant to IRIDEX Corporation's 2008 Equity Incentive Plan and is exempt to Rule 16b-3.

2. The shares are subject to vesting according to the following schedule: 1/48th of the total number of shares vest each month.

Remarks:

/s/ Susan Bruce, Attorney-in-Fact for Ronald Steckel

Date

12/17/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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