

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u> Mercer Patrick </u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u> 1212 TERRA BELLA AVENUE </u> <hr/> (Street) <u> MOUNTAIN CA 94043 </u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u> 08/26/2019 </u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u> IRIDEX CORP [IRIX] </u> <hr/> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"><u> COO </u></div>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) <hr/> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u> Common Stock </u>	<u> 10,000⁽¹⁾ </u>	<u> D </u>	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u> Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) </u>	<u> (2) </u>	<u> 09/18/2028 </u>	<u> Common Stock </u>	<u> 30,000 </u>	<u> 6 </u>	<u> D </u>	
<u> Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) </u>	<u> (3) </u>	<u> 06/06/2029 </u>	<u> Common Stock </u>	<u> 40,000 </u>	<u> 5.04 </u>	<u> D </u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each share is represented by a restricted stock unit (RSU). Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon settlement. The RSUs vest as to one-fourth of the shares on October 30, 2019 and as to one forty-eighth of the shares each month thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person continuing as a service provider through each such date.
2. One-fourth of the shares subject to the option shall vest on September 18, 2019 and one forty-eighth of the shares subject to the option shall vest each month thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person continuing as a service provider through each such date.
3. One forty-eighth of the shares subject to the option vested on July 6, 2019 and one forty-eighth of the shares subject to the option vest each month thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person continuing as a service provider through each such date.

Remarks:

/s/ Nilo De Castro, Attorney-in-Fact for Patrick Mercer 09/04/2019

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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 5 (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).

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR
SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

The undersigned, as a Section 16 reporting person of IRIDEX Corporation (the "Company"), hereby constitutes and appoints Nilo De Castro and Romeo Dizon, the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact to: complete and execute Forms 3, 4 and 5 and other forms and all amendments thereto as such attorneys-in-fact shall in his or her discretion determine to be required or advisable pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended) and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, or any successor laws and regulations, as a consequence of the undersigned's ownership, acquisition or disposition of securities of the Company; and do all acts necessary in order to file such forms with the Securities and Exchange Commission, any securities exchange or national association, the Company and such other person or agency as the attorney-in-fact shall deem appropriate.

The undersigned hereby ratifies and confirms all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended).

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the Company and the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this day, August 22, 2019.

/s/ Patrick Mercer

Signature

Patrick Mercer

Print Name