

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Mackness James H</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1212 TERRA BELLA AVENUE</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>MOUNTAIN VIEW CA 94043</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/02/2008</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>IRIDEX CORP [IRIX]</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <p align="center"><u>Chief Financial Officer</u></p>	

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)
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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				
<u>Stock Option Right to Buy⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>01/02/2009⁽²⁾</u>	<u>01/02/2015</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>2.49</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

- This option was granted pursuant to IRIDEX Corporation's incentive 1998 Stock Plan and is exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- The shares shall vest as follows: 12/48ths of the shares shall vest 12 months after the Vesting Commencement Date and 1/48th of the shares shall vest each month thereafter.

Remarks:

s/s James H. Mackness

** Signature of Reporting Person

01/03/2008

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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned, as a Section 16 reporting person of IRIDEX Corporation (the "Company"), hereby constitutes and appoints Susan Bruce, the undersigned's true and law

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 2nd day of January, 2008.

Signature: /s/ James H. Mackaness

Print Name: James H. Mackaness