

Stratton Kenneth Blair
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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 *
Stratton Kenneth Blair

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O STEMCELLS, INC., 7707
GATEWAY BLVD, STE 140

(Street)

NEWARK, CA 94560

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
STEMCELLS INC [STEM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/27/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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. 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 01/27/2012 | | A | V | Amount \$ 0 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 4,062 | I | By 401(k) Plan (3) |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Stratton Kenneth Blair C/O STEMCELLS, INC. 7707 GATEWAY BLVD, STE 140 NEWARK, CA 94560 | | | General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ Ken Stratton 01/31/2012

__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) Restricted stock units, with 1/4 vesting on January 27, 2013, 1/4 vesting on January 27, 2014, 1/4 vesting on January 27, 2015, and 1/4 vesting on January 27, 2016.
Includes (1) 130,000 restricted stock units, with 32,500 of this vesting on each of January 27, 2013, January 27, 2014, January 27, 2015, and January 27, 2016; (2) 15,000 restricted stock units, with 5,000 vesting on each of June 1, 2012, June 1, 2013, and June 1, 2014; and (3) 4,667 restricted stock units, with 2,333 vesting on each of May 15, 2012 and May 15, 2013. Amounts reflect automatic adjustments under applicable benefit plans triggered by issuer's 1 for 10 reverse stock split.
- (3) Includes shares held in 401(k) account in accordance with issuer's employer-match policies.

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