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GILMARTIN RAYMOND V Syn			Symbol	r Name and RAL MIL			-	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of (Month/E) C/O MERCK & COMPANY, 50 09/17/2 TICE BOULEVARD, ATRIUM LEVEL (Street) 4. If Ame				f Earliest Ti Day/Year)		,		(Check all applicable) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title 0ther (specify below) below)			
				endment, Date Original onth/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 			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	.Title of ecurity2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deemed Execution Date,		ned 1 Date, if	Code (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	09/17/2009			Code V M	Amount 10,000	(D) A	Price \$ 41.11	39,937.1161	D		
Common Stock	09/17/2009			F	6,845	D	\$ 60.06	33,092.1161	D		

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nu of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 41.11	09/17/2009		М		10,000	09/25/2000	09/27/2009	Common Stock	10

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
GILMARTIN RAYMOND V C/O MERCK & COMPANY 50 TICE BOULEVARD, ATRIUM LEVEL WOODCLIFF LAKE, NJ 07677	Х				
Signatures					
By: Christopher A Rauschl For: Raymond Gilmartin	09/18/2009				
** 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) Non-Employee Director option (right to buy) granted under the General Mills, Inc. 1996 Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

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