

COTTINGHAM JOHN A
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FORM 4

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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 *
COTTINGHAM JOHN A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Life Technologies Corp [LIFE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5791 VAN ALLEN WAY

 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Legal Officer

CARLSBAD, CA 92008

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|--------|-----|------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|----------------------------|
| Stock Options ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 52 | 03/01/2010 | 03/01/2010 | A | 40,567 | | 03/01/2011 | 03/01/2020 | Common Stock | 40,567 | |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾ | \$ 0 | 03/01/2010 | 03/01/2010 | A | 11,764 | | 03/01/2013 | 03/01/2020 | Common Stock | 11,764 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| COTTINGHAM JOHN A 5791 VAN ALLEN WAY CARLSBAD, CA 92008 | | | Chief Legal Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ David L. Szekeres, POA 03/03/2010

__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) Stock Option Award - Grant #F100016
- (2) Restricted Stock Unit Award - Grant #F100029

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