

Stagg Adelbert L  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Â Stagg Adelbert L                        |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | ARTES MEDICAL INC [ARTE]   |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 12/19/2006   |  |
| 5870 PACIFIC CENTER BOULEVARD             |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| SAN DIEGO,Â CAÂ 92121                     |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
|   |         |                                      | VP Regulator Affairs & CCO   |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

|                                    |  |   |  |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

|   |   |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|   | Date Exercisable      Expiration Date                       | Title      Amount or Number of Shares  |  |  |  |

(Instr. 5)

|                             |       |            |              |        |         |   |   |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------|--------------|--------|---------|---|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (1) | 12/15/2015 | Common Stock | 23,529 | \$ 5.31 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 04/22/2015 | Common Stock | 31,764 | \$ 5.31 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (3) | 06/30/2016 | Common Stock | 41,176 | \$ 7.86 | D | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                       |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                               | Other |
| Stagg Adelbert L<br>5870 PACIFIC CENTER BOULEVARD<br>SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 | Â             | Â         | Â VP<br>Regulator<br>Affairs &<br>CCO | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Adelbert L.  
Stagg

12/19/2006

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) This option vests and becomes exercisable in 48 equal installments on each monthly anniversary of the date of grant (December 15, 2005).
  - (2) 1/8 of the shares represented by this option vest and become exercisable on September 1, 2005 and the remaining shares vest and become exercisable in 42 equal monthly installments beginning on October 1, 2005.
  - (3) This option vests and becomes exercisable in 48 equal installments on each monthly anniversary of the date of grant (June 30, 2006).

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