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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement THORATEC CORP [THOR] À Antonucci Marta (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2015 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person PLEASANTON, CAÂ 94588 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One President, International Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D)

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

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or Indirect (I) (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 | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | · · · | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security: Security Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Antonucci Marta

6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE President, International PLEASANTON, CAÂ 94588

Signatures

/s/David A. Lehman, Attorney-In-Fact 05/06/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

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