

Gesten Samuel J
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|---|----------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Gesten Samuel J | | (Month/Day/Year) | STAAR SURGICAL CO [STAA] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| | | 04/05/2012 | | |
| 1911 WALKER AVENUE | | | (Check all applicable) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| | (Street) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| MONROVIA,Â CAÂ 91016 | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | (give title below) (specify below) | |
| | | | VP, General Counsel | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 27,500 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

| | | | Shares | | (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|----------------------|-------|------------|-----------------|--------|-------------------|-----|
| Common Stock Options | Â (2) | 04/01/2022 | Common Stock | 50,000 | \$ 11.02 | D Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Gesten Samuel J 1911 WALKER AVENUE MONROVIA,Â CAÂ 91016 | Â | Â | Â VP, General Counsel | Â |

Signatures

Samuel J.
Gesten

04/10/2012

__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) Consists of (i) 20,000 restricted shares of common stock, subject to forfeiture rights, which lapse as to 1/3 of the shares each year on the anniversary of grant date, and (ii) 7,500 Performance Accelerated Restricted Shares of Common Stock (PARS), subject to forfeiture rights, which lapse as to all the PARS on 4/2/15, but subject to accelerated lapse of the forfeiture rights as to 1/3 of the shares each year pursuant to achievement of certain performance criteria.
- (2) 16,666 options will vest 4/2/13, 16,667 options will vest on 4/2/14, and the remaining 16,667 shares will vest on 4/2/15.

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Remarks:

Mr.Â GestenÂ assumedÂ theÂ GeneralÂ CounselÂ roleÂ asÂ ofÂ 4/5/12Â andÂ thisÂ formÂ reportsÂ hisÂ holdingsÂ asÂ

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