CHIRON CORP Form 4 April 19, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1(b).

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may continue.

See Instruction

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading WHEELER CRAIG A Issuer Symbol CHIRON CORP [CHIR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 4560 HORTON STREET 04/19/2006 below) V.P.; Pres., Chiron BioPharma (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting EMERYVILLE, CA 94608 Person

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi onAcquirec Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) o l of (D)	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	04/19/2006		D <u>(1)</u>	7,041	D	\$ 48	0	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)

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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 Ar Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 46.97	04/19/2006		D(2)		200,000	(3)	04/19/2006	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 46.97	04/19/2006		D(2)		23,000	<u>(3)</u>	04/19/2006	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.18	04/19/2006		D(2)		85,000	(3)	04/19/2006	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.535	04/19/2006		D(2)		40,625	(3)	04/19/2006	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.335	04/19/2006		D(2)		50,000	(3)	04/19/2006	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.335	04/19/2006		D(2)		100,000	(3)	04/19/2006	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.88	04/19/2006		D(2)		90,000	(3)	04/19/2006	Common Stock
Performance Share Right Award	<u>(4)</u>	04/19/2006		A(5)	12,000		<u>(6)</u>	04/19/2006	Common Stock
Performance Share Right Award	<u>(4)</u>	04/19/2006		D <u>(7)</u>		12,000	<u>(6)</u>	04/19/2006	Common Stock
Performance Share Right Award	<u>(4)</u>	04/19/2006		A(8)	14,000		<u>(6)</u>	04/19/2006	Common Stock
	<u>(4)</u>	04/19/2006		D <u>(7)</u>		14,000	<u>(6)</u>	04/19/2006	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WHEELER CRAIG A 4560 HORTON STREET EMERYVILLE, CA 94608

V.P.; Pres., Chiron BioPharma

Signatures

Craig A. Wheeler by Naima Robinson as Atty-in-Fact

04/19/2006

**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).
- The disposition was effected pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement between the Issuer and Novartis AG dated as of October 30, 2005 and as subsequently amended April 3, 2006 (the "Merger Agreement"), and involved the exchange of each share for a cash payment in the amount of \$48. The disposition was approved by the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors and is accordingly an exempt transaction pursuant to SEC Rule 16b-3(e).
- The option was cancelled pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement in exchange for a cash payment per cancelled option share equal to \$48 less the exercise price per share in effect for that option. Such disposition of the option was approved by the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors and is accordingly an exempt transaction pursuant to SEC Rule 16b-3(e).
- (3) The option was vested and fully exercisable as to all the shares at the time of cancellation.
- (4) One-for-One
 - Represents a performance share award made on June 1, 2004 and structured to vest upon the Issuer's attainment of certain pre-established performance objectives over a designated period measured from June 1, 2004 to December 31, 2006. However, pursuant
- (5) to the terms of such award, vesting occurred at target level on an accelerated basis immediately prior to the change in control transaction effected on April 19, 2006 pursuant to the Merger Agreement. The award was made to the Reporting Person in a transaction exempt under SEC Rule 16b-3(d).
- (6) The share rights award vested in full on an accelerated basis immediately prior to the closing of the change in control transaction effected on April 19, 2006 pursuant to the Merger Agreement.
- The share rights were cancelled pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement in exchange for a cash payment equal to \$48 per share of the Issuer's common stock underlying the cancelled share rights. Such disposition of the share rights was approved by the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors and is accordingly an exempt transaction pursuant to SEC Rule 16b-3(e).
 - Represents a performance share award made on February 22, 2005 and structured to vest upon the Issuer's attainment of certain pre-established performance objectives over a designated period measured from February 22, 2005 to August 21, 2007. However,
- (8) pursuant to the terms of such award, vesting occurred at target level on an accelerated basis immediately prior to the change in control transaction effected on April 19, 2006 pursuant to the Merger Agreement. The award was made to the Reporting Person in a transaction exempt under SEC Rule 16b-3(d).
- (9) The stock units were cancelled pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement in exchange for a cash payment equal to \$48 per share of the Issuer's common stock underlying the cancelled share rights. Such disposition of the share rights was approved by the Compensation

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Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors and is accordingly an exempt transaction pursuant to SEC Rule 16b-3(e).

(10) The stock units vested in full on an accelerated basis in connection with the closing of the change in control transaction effected on April 19, 2006 pursuant to the Merger Agreement.

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