

HOFFMANN DAVE
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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 *
HOFFMANN DAVE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DURECT CORP [DRRX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
10240 BUBB ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/09/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 01/09/2006 | | M | | 30,000 | A | \$ 2.4 |
| | | | | | 36,000 | | |
| Common Stock | 01/09/2006 | | M | | 12,000 | A | \$ 3.63 |
| | | | | | 48,000 | | |

by Trust ⁽¹⁾
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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 2.4 | 01/09/2006 | | M | 30,000 | 12/10/2003 12/10/2012 | Common Stock 30 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 3.63 | 01/09/2006 | | M | 12,000 | 06/03/2005 06/03/2014 | Common Stock 12 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HOFFMANN DAVE 10240 BUBB ROAD CUPERTINO, CA 95014 | X | | | |

Signatures

David R. Hoffmann 01/11/2006

**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).

(1) Held by David R. and Judy A. Hoffmann, Co-Trustees for the David R. and Judy A Hoffmann Trust UD 11/14/79.

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