

THORATEC CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
KELLOGG PETER R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**48 WALL STREET, C/O IAT
REINSURANCE CO LTD**

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10005

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
THORATEC CORP [THOR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/15/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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 or Price (D)		
COMMON STOCK	10/15/2008		S		65,000 A \$ 25.63	D	
COMMON STOCK	10/16/2008		S		35,000 A \$ 25.03	D	
COMMON STOCK	10/16/2008		P	0	A \$ 0	I	BY IAT REINSURANCE CO LTD

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

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