

CARREL MICHAEL H  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**CARREL MICHAEL H**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**VITAL IMAGES INC [VTAL]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**5850 OPUS PARKWAY, SUITE 300**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/19/2010**

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**President & CEO**

(Street)  
**MINNETONKA, MN 55343**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.14	03/19/2010		10,000 (3)	H				(1)	03/09/2011	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.64	03/19/2010		16,000 (3)	H				(1)	02/02/2012	Common Stock	16,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARREL MICHAEL H 5850 OPUS PARKWAY SUITE 300 MINNETONKA, MN 55343			President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael H.  
Carrel  
03/22/2010

\*\*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) The total of the NQ grant was to vest 28% one year after the date of the grant and 2% per month thereafter, until fully vested.
- (2) Mr. Carrel has other options remaining totaling 406,600 at various prices and exercise dates.
- (3) This stock option was tendered as part of Vital Images, Inc.'s cash tender offer for certain employee stock options, conducted pursuant to a Schedule TO filed with the SEC on February 22, 2010, as amended.

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