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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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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 | |
| Stratton Kenneth Blair | | (Month/Day/Year) | STEMCELLS INC [STEM] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 09/15/2008 | |
| C/O STEMCELLS, INC., 3155 PORTER DRIVE | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| PALO ALTO, CA 94304 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | (give title below) (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | 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 | 82,500 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 4,578 | I | By 401(k) Plan ⁽²⁾ |

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 | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (3) | 02/28/2017 | Common Stock | 150,000 | \$ 2.62 | D Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Stratton Kenneth Blair C/O STEMCELLS, INC. 3155 PORTER DRIVE PALO ALTO, CA 94304 | Â | Â | Â General Counsel | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Kenneth B. Stratton 04/07/2009

__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) Restricted stock units, with 1/3 vesting on March 10, 2009, 1/3 vesting on March 10, 2010, and 1/3 vesting on March 10, 2011.
- (2) Shares held in 401(k) account, in accordance with issuer's employer-match policies.

The option vests over four years, with 1/4 of the shares vesting on the anniversary of the grant and the remainder vesting at 1/48 per month thereafter. Options to purchase 37,500 shares became exercisable on February 28, 2008, with an additional 3,125 shares becoming exercisable monthly thereafter for the remainder of the vesting period.

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