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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MENGERT STEPHEN M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MATRIA HEALTHCARE INC [MATR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 1850 PARKV	(Last) (First) (Middle) 350 PARKWAY PLACE		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/22/2004	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) VP-Finance & CFO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
MARIETTA, GA 30067				Form filed by More than One Reporting		

MARIETT	A, GA 30007		Person							
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-l	Derivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned			
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of			
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	on(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect			
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial			
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned	(D) or	Ownership			
					Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)			
				(4)	Reported	(Instr. 4)				
				(A)	Transaction(s)					

		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4
Common Stock	11/22/2004		M	6,666	A	\$ 8.48	6,666	D
Common Stock	11/22/2004		S	6,666	D	\$ 34.904	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)

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 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 Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shar
Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 8.48	09/03/2002		M		6,666	09/03/2007	09/13/2012	Common Stock	6,66
Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 7.46	02/20/2003		J	10,000		02/20/2008	02/20/2013	Common Stock	10,00
Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 25.18	08/11/2004		J	7,500		08/11/2009	08/11/2014	Common Stock	7,50

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MENGERT STEPHEN M 1850 PARKWAY PLACE MARIETTA, GA 30067

VP-Finance & CFO

Signatures

Stephen M. 11/29/2004 Mengert

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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) 6,666 exercised 11/22/2004 with remaining shares to vest no later than 09/03/2006 with acceleration based on Matria's performance.
- (2) Granted on 02/20/2003 with full vesting to occur no later than 4 years from 02/20/2003 with acceleration based on Matria's performance.
- (3) Granted 8/11/2004 and vests 20% per annum thereafter.

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