STEMCELLS INC Form 4 April 18, 2006

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SCHWARTZ JOHN J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

STEMCELLS INC [STEM]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O STEMCELLS, INC., 3155

PORTER DRIVE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Instr. 4)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

04/18/2006

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below)

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(A) or

(Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code 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/Y	Year) (Ins	tr. 8)	or Dispos (D) (Instr. 3, 4	sed of				
			Coo	le V	V (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.83	04/18/2006	A <u>(</u>	1)	10,000		04/18/2007(1)	04/18/2016	Common Stock	10,000 (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SCHWARTZ JOHN J C/O STEMCELLS, INC. 3155 PORTER DRIVE PALO ALTO, CA 94304	X						

Signatures

John J. Schwartz by Iris Brest, Attorney-in-Fact 04/18/2006

**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).

Compensated non-employee directors receive an initial option for 20,000 shares of the Company's common stock on appointment to the Board of Directors as such, and an option for 10,000 shares on each anniversary of appointment, with a strike price equal to the closing

(1) price of the stock on such date (or the last preceding business day if such day is not a business day); initial options vest 1/3 on each of the first three anniversaries of appointment, and annual options vest on the first anniversary of each such option. Dr. Schwartz came within these director compensation rules as of April 18, 2001.

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