

SHARP PHILIP A
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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 *
SHARP PHILIP A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

14 CAMBRIDGE CENTER

(Street)

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BIOGEN IDEC INC. [BIIB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/21/2008

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)

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 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 07/21/2008 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | V Amount A | 72,500 \$ 35.42 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/21/2008 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | D | 72,500 \$ 68 | 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)

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| 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 Derivative 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 35.42 | 07/21/2008 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 72,500 | ⁽²⁾ | 12/11/2008 | Common Stock | 72,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SHARP PHILIP A 14 CAMBRIDGE CENTER CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142 | | X | | |

Signatures

Robert A. Licht, Attorney in Fact for Phillip A.
Sharp 07/22/2008

__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) Exercise/sale pursuant to a trading plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (2) The stock option became exercisable in three (3) equal annual installments, commencing one year after the grant date of 12/11/98.
- (3) Granted under one of the Issuer’s stock option plans, in an exempt transaction under SEC Rule 16(b)-3(d).

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