

INVITROGEN CORP  
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 \*  
COTTINGHAM JOHN A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1600 FARADAY AVENUE  
(Street)

CARLSBAD, CA 92008

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
INVITROGEN CORP [IVGN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/15/2007

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)  
SVP-G.n Counsel & Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                       |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price   |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007                           |  | A                              |   | 26,000  | A  | \$ 71.74  |
| Restricted Stock Unit <u>(2)</u>      | 05/15/2007                           |  | A                              |   | 2,650   | A  | \$ 71.74  |
| Performance Shares <u>(3)</u>         | 05/15/2007                           |  | A                              |   | 2,650   | A  | \$ 71.74  |

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 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| COTTINGHAM JOHN A<br>1600 FARADAY AVENUE<br>CARLSBAD, CA 92008 |               |           | SVP-G.n Counsel & Secretary |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Joseph W. Secondine, Jr.  
(POA) 05/17/2007

\*\*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) Non-Qualified Stock Options:Exercisable Date - Option vesting is over a four year period, vesting 25% on each anniversary of the grant date, contingent upon continued service to Invitrogen.  
Restricted Stock Units:Exercisable Date - Options are exercisable upon vesting after a three year period contingent upon continued service to the company. Expiration Date - Once vested, Restricted Share Units do not expire. They can be converted into shares of Invitrogen stock on the vest date.
- (3) Performance Shares:Exercisable Date - Shares are exercisable based on a target stock price. Expiration Date - Unvested Performance Shares expire on November 30, 2008.

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