

BIO RAD LABORATORIES INC  
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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 \*  
 STARK JAMES R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BIO RAD LABORATORIES INC  
 [BIO, BIO.B]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Controller

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O BIO-RAD LABORATORIES,  
 INC., 1000 ALFRED NOBEL  
 DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/21/2008

HERCULES, CA 94547

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Bio-Rad A Common Stock	08/21/2008		M	3,000	A \$ 28.61	4,926	D
Bio-Rad A Common Stock	08/21/2008		M	2,000	A \$ 35.5	6,926	D
Bio-Rad A Common Stock	08/21/2008		M	2,500	A \$ 10.75	9,426	D

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Bio-Rad A  
Common Stock 08/21/2008 S 7,500 D \$ 100.5 1,926 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 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
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.61	08/21/2008		M	3,000	02/06/2003 02/06/2012	Bio-Rad A Common Stock	3,000
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.5	08/21/2008		M	2,000	02/05/2004 02/05/2013	Bio-Rad A Common Stock	2,000
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.75	08/21/2008		M	2,500	09/19/2001 09/19/2010	Bio-Rad A Common Stock	2,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STARK JAMES R C/O BIO-RAD LABORATORIES, INC.			Controller	

1000 ALFRED NOBEL DRIVE  
HERCULES, CA 94547

## Signatures

James R Stark

08/22/2008

\_\_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).

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