

HEMACARE CORP /CA/

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**HEMACARE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**California**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**95-3280412**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**15350 Sherman Way, Suite 350  
Van Nuys, California 91406**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**2004 STOCK PURCHASE PLAN**

(Full title of the plan)

**Robert S. Chilton**  
**Chief Financial Officer**  
**HemaCare Corporation**  
**15350 Sherman Way, Suite 350**  
**Van Nuys, California 91406**

(Name and address of agent for service)

**(818) 226-1968**

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
 Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
 (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

| Title of each class of securities to be registered(1) | Amount to be registered (2) | Proposed maximum offering price per share (3) | Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (3) | Amount of registration fee (3) |
|---|-----------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Common Stock  | 1,000,000 shares            | \$ 0.38                                       | \$ 380,000                                    | \$ 15                          |

- (1) Includes the associated Rights to Purchase Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock pursuant to the Rights Agreement dated as of March 3, 1998, as amended, between the registrant and Computershare Trust Company, N.A.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 416, this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of Common Stock which become issuable under the HemaCare Corporation 2004 Stock Purchase Plan, by reason of any stock split, stock dividend, recapitalization or any other similar transaction effected without receipt of consideration, which results in an increase in the Registrant's outstanding shares of Common Stock.
- (3)

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Pursuant to Rule 457(h), the maximum offering price, per share and in the aggregate, and the registration fee were calculated based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock as of August 12, 2008, as reported by the National Association of Securities Dealers OTCBB.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

HemaCare Corporation (the Company) hereby files this Registration Statement on Form S-8 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) to register 1,000,000 additional shares of the Company's Common Stock for issuance pursuant to the Company's 2004 Stock Purchase Plan (the Plan), and such indeterminate number of additional shares as may become available under the Plan as a result of the adjustment provisions thereof. On May 25, 2004, the Board of Directors of the Company approved the Plan, which initially provided for the issuance of up to 1,000,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock (subject to adjustment). The Company registered 1,000,000 such shares on a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-116405) filed with the Commission on June 10, 2004. On August 6, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Company increased the number of shares which may be issued and sold under the Plan from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 (subject to adjustment).

**PART I**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS**

The document(s) containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants in the 2004 Stock Purchase Plan (the Plan) of HemaCare Corporation (the Company) as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). These documents need not be filed with the Commission either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Securities Act Rule 428 in accordance with the Note to Part I of Form S-8. These documents, and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of Form S-8, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 3.** Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents, previously filed by the Company with the Commission, are incorporated herein by reference:

(a) The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, filed with the Commission on April 14, 2008;

(b) The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2008, filed with the Commission on May 15, 2008;

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(c) The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2008, filed with the Commission on August 14, 2008;

(d) All other reports filed pursuant to Sections 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, since the end of the fiscal year covered by the annual report referred to in (a) above;

(e) The description of the Company's Common Stock contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, dated December 5, 1986, filed with the Commission, and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description; and

(f) The description of the Company's Rights to Purchase Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, dated March 10, 1998, filed with the Commission, and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment that indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or that deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any information that is furnished in any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, but that is not deemed filed under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, is not incorporated by reference herein. Any statement contained herein or in a document, all or a portion of which is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or amended, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

**Item 4.** Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

**Item 5.** Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

**Item 6.** Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 204 of the General Corporation Law of the State of California (the California Law) permits the limitation of the personal liability of a director for monetary damages in an action brought by or in the right of the corporation for breach of a director's duties to the corporation and its shareholders under certain conditions and subject to certain limitations.

Section 317 of the California Law (i) permits indemnification of directors, officers, employees and other agents of the corporation under certain conditions and subject to certain limitations and (ii) provides that the corporation has the power to purchase and maintain

insurance on behalf of its directors, officers, employees and other agents against any liability asserted against or incurred by them in such capacity or arising out of their status as such.

Article Five of the Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant provides as follows:

(a) **Limitation of Directors Liability.** The liability of the directors of the corporation for monetary damages shall be eliminated to the fullest extent permissible under California law.

(b) **Indemnification of Corporate Agents.** The corporation is authorized to provide, whether by bylaw, agreement or resolution of the board of directors or shareholders of the corporation, for the indemnification of agents (as defined in Section 317 of the California General Corporation Law) of the corporation in excess of that expressly permitted by such Section 317, for breach of duty to the corporation and its shareholders to the fullest extent permissible under California law.

(c) **Repeal or Modification.** Any repeal or modification of this Article Five by the shareholders of the corporation shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director or agent of the corporation existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

Article VI of the Bylaws of the Company provides as follows:

Section 6.1 INDEMNIFICATION - THIRD PARTY PROCEEDINGS. The corporation shall indemnify any person (the Indemnitee ) who is or was a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor) by reason of the fact that Indemnitee is or was a director or officer of the corporation, or any subsidiary of the corporation, and the corporation may indemnify a person who is or was a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor) by reason of the fact that such person is or was an employee or other agent of the corporation (the Indemnitee Agent ) by reason of any action or inaction on the part of Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent while an officer, director or agent or by reason of the fact that Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including subject to Section 6.19, attorneys fees and any expenses of establishing a right to indemnification pursuant to this Article VI or under California law), judgments, fines, settlements (if such settlement is approved in advance by the corporation, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld) and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred by Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent in connection with such proceeding if Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent acted in good faith and in a manner Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, in the case of a criminal proceeding, if Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent had no reasonable cause to believe Indemnitee s or Indemnitee Agent s conduct was

unlawful. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent did not act in good faith and in a manner which Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, or with respect to any criminal proceedings, would not create a presumption that Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent had reasonable cause to believe that Indemnitee s or Indemnitee Agent s conduct was unlawful.

Section 6.2 INDEMNIFICATION - PROCEEDINGS BY OR IN THE RIGHT OF THE CORPORATION. The corporation shall indemnify Indemnitee and may indemnify Indemnitee Agent if Indemnitee, or Indemnitee Agent, as the case may be, was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action by or in the right of the corporation or any subsidiary of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent is or was a director, officer, employee or other agent of the corporation, or any subsidiary of the corporation, by reason of any action or inaction on the part of Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent while an officer, director or agent or by reason of the fact that Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including subject to Section 6.19, attorneys fees and any expenses of establishing a right to indemnification pursuant to this Article VI or under California law) and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, amounts paid in settlement, in each case to the extent actually and reasonably incurred by Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent in connection with the defense or settlement of the proceeding if Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent acted in good faith and in a manner Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and its shareholders, except that no indemnification shall be made with respect to any claim, issue or matter to which Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent shall have been adjudged to have been liable to the corporation in the performance of Indemnitee s or Indemnitee Agent s duty to the corporation and its shareholders, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such proceeding is or was pending shall determine upon application that, in view of all the circumstances of the case, Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for expenses and then only to the extent that the court shall determine.

Section 6.3 SUCCESSFUL DEFENSE ON MERITS. To the extent that Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent without limitation has been successful on the merits in defense of any proceeding referred to in Sections 6.1 or 6.2 above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, the corporation shall indemnify Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent against expenses (including attorneys fees) actually and reasonably incurred by Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent in connection therewith.

Section 6.4 CERTAIN TERMS DEFINED. For purposes of this Article VI, references to other enterprises shall include employee benefit plans, references to fines shall include any excise taxes assessed on Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent with respect to an employee benefit plan, and references to proceeding shall include any threatened, pending or completed action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative. References to corporation include all constituent corporations absorbed in a consolidation or merger as well as the resulting or surviving corporation, so that any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, or other agent of such a constituent corporation or who, being or having been such a director, officer, employee or other agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this Article VI with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as such person would if he or she had served the resulting or surviving corporation in the same capacity.

Section 6.5 ADVANCEMENT OF EXPENSES. The corporation shall advance all expenses incurred by Indemnitee and may advance all or any expenses incurred by Indemnitee Agent in connection with the investigation, defense, settlement (excluding amounts actually paid in settlement of any action, suit or proceeding) or appeal of any civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding referenced in Sections 6.1 or 6.2 hereof. Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent hereby undertakes to repay such amounts advanced only if, and to the extent that, it shall be determined ultimately that Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent is not entitled to be indemnified by the corporation as authorized hereby. The advances to be made hereunder shall be paid by the corporation (i) to Indemnitee within twenty (20) days following delivery of a written request therefor by Indemnitee to the corporation; and (ii) to Indemnitee Agent within twenty (20) days following the later of a written request therefor by Indemnitee Agent to the corporation and determination by the corporation to advance expenses to Indemnitee Agent pursuant to the corporation's discretionary authority hereunder.

Section 6.6 NOTICE OF CLAIM. Indemnitee shall, as a condition precedent to his or her right to be indemnified under this Article VI, and Indemnitee Agent shall, as a condition precedent to his or her ability to be indemnified under this Article VI, give the corporation notice in writing as soon as practicable of any claim made against Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent, as the case may be, for which indemnification will or could be sought under this Article VI. Notice to the corporation shall be directed to the secretary of the corporation at the principal business office of the corporation (or such other address as the corporation shall designate in writing to Indemnitee). In addition, Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent shall give the corporation such information and cooperation as it may reasonably require and as shall be within Indemnitee's or Indemnitee Agent's power.

Section 6.7 ENFORCEMENT RIGHTS. Any indemnification provided for in Sections 6.1 or 6.2 or 6.3 shall be made no later than sixty (60) days after receipt of the written request of Indemnitee. If a claim or request under this Article VI, under any statute, or under any provision of the corporation's Articles of

Incorporation providing for indemnification is not paid by the corporation, or on its behalf, within sixty (60) days after written request for payment thereof has been received by the corporation, Indemnitee may, but need not, at any time thereafter bring suit against the corporation to recover the unpaid amount of the claim or request, and subject to Section 6.19, Indemnitee shall also be entitled to be paid for the expenses (including attorneys' fees) of bringing such action. It shall be a defense to any such action (other than an action brought to enforce a claim for expenses incurred in connection with any action, suit or proceeding in advance of its final disposition) that Indemnitee has not met the standards of conduct which make it permissible under applicable law for the corporation to indemnify Indemnitee for the amount claimed, but the burden of proving such defense shall be on the corporation, and Indemnitee shall be entitled to receive interim payments of expenses pursuant to Section 6.5 unless and until such defense may be finally adjudicated by court order or judgment for which no further right of appeal exists. The parties hereto intend that if the corporation contests Indemnitee's right to indemnification, the question of Indemnitee's right to indemnification shall be a decision for the court, and no presumption regarding whether the applicable standard has been met will arise based on any determination or lack of determination of such by the corporation (including its Board or any subgroup thereof, independent legal counsel or its shareholders). The board of directors may, in its discretion, provide by resolution for similar or identical enforcement rights for any Indemnitee Agent.

Section 6.8 ASSUMPTION OF DEFENSE. In the event the corporation shall be obligated to pay the expenses of any proceeding against the Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent, as the case may be, the corporation, if appropriate, shall be entitled to assume the defense of such proceeding with counsel approved by Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, upon the delivery to Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent of written notice of its election so to do. After delivery of such notice, approval of such counsel by Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent and the retention of such counsel by the corporation, the corporation will not be liable to Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent under this Article VI for any fees of counsel subsequently incurred by Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent with respect to the same proceeding, unless (i) the employment of counsel by Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent is authorized by the corporation, (ii) Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent shall have reasonably concluded that there may be a conflict of interest of such counsel retained by the corporation between the corporation and Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent in the conduct of such defense, or (iii) the corporation ceases or terminates the employment of such counsel with respect to the defense of such proceeding, in any of which events then the fees and expenses of Indemnitee's or Indemnitee Agent's counsel shall be at the expense of the corporation. At all times, Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent shall have the right to employ other counsel in any such proceeding at Indemnitee's or Indemnitee Agent's expense.

Section 6.9 APPROVAL OF EXPENSES. No expenses for which indemnity shall be sought under this Article VI, other than those in respect of judgments and

verdicts actually rendered, shall be incurred without the prior consent of the corporation, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 6.10 SUBROGATION. In the event of payment under this Article VI, the corporation shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all of the rights of recovery of the Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent, who shall do all things that may be necessary to secure such rights, including the execution of such documents necessary to enable the corporation effectively to bring suit to enforce such rights.

Section 6.11 EXCEPTIONS. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, the corporation shall not be obligated pursuant to this Article VI:

- (a) Excluded Acts. To indemnify Indemnitee (i) as to circumstances in which indemnity is expressly prohibited pursuant to California law, or (ii) for any acts or omissions or transactions from which a director may not be relieved of liability pursuant to California law; or
  
- (b) Claims Initiated by Indemnitee. To indemnify or advance expenses to Indemnitee with respect to proceedings or claims initiated or brought voluntarily by Indemnitee and not by way of defense, except with respect to proceedings brought to establish or enforce a right to indemnification under this Article VI or any other statute or law or as otherwise required under the Corporations Code of California, but such indemnification or advancement of expenses may be provided by the corporation in specific cases if the board of directors has approved the initiation or bringing of such suit; or
  
- (c) Lack of Good Faith. To indemnify Indemnitee for any expenses incurred by the Indemnitee with respect to any proceeding instituted by Indemnitee to enforce or interpret this Article VI, if a court of competent jurisdiction determines that such proceeding was not made in good faith or was frivolous; or
  
- (d) Insured Claims. To indemnify Indemnitee for expenses or liabilities of any type whatsoever (including, but not limited to, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties, and amounts paid in settlement) which have been paid directly to Indemnitee by an insurance carrier under a policy of officers and directors liability insurance maintained by the corporation; or
  
- (e) Claims Under Section 16(b). To indemnify Indemnitee for expenses and the payment of profits arising from the purchase and sale by Indemnitee of securities in violation of Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any similar successor statute.

Section 6.12 PARTIAL INDEMNIFICATION. If Indemnitee is entitled under any provision of this Article VI to indemnification by the corporation for some or a portion of the expenses, judgments, fines or penalties actually or reasonably incurred by the Indemnitee in the investigation, defense, appeal or settlement of any civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding, but not, however, for the total

amount thereof, the corporation shall nevertheless indemnify Indemnitee for the portion of such expenses, judgments, fines or penalties to which Indemnitee is entitled.

Section 6.13 **COVERAGE.** This Article VI shall, to the extent permitted by law, apply to acts or omissions of (i) Indemnitee which occurred prior to the adoption of this Article VI if Indemnitee was a director or officer of the corporation or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director or officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, at the time such act or omission occurred; and (ii) Indemnitee Agent which occurred prior to the adoption of this Article VI if Indemnitee Agent was an employee or other agent of the corporation or was serving at the request of the corporation as an employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise at the time such act or omission occurred. All rights to indemnification under this Article VI shall be deemed to be provided by a contract between the corporation and the Indemnitee in which the corporation hereby agrees to indemnify Indemnitee to the fullest extent permitted by law, notwithstanding that such indemnification is not specifically authorized by the corporation's Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws or by statute. Any repeal or modification of these Bylaws, the Corporations Code of California or any other applicable law shall not affect any rights or obligations then existing under this Article VI. The provisions of this Article VI shall continue as to Indemnitee and Indemnitee Agent for any action taken or not taken while serving in an indemnified capacity even though the Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent may have ceased to serve in such capacity at the time of any action, suit or other covered proceeding. This Article VI shall be binding upon the corporation and its successors and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of Indemnitee and Indemnitee Agent and Indemnitee's and Indemnitee Agent's estate, heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

Section 6.14 **NON-EXCLUSIVITY.** Nothing herein shall be deemed to diminish or otherwise restrict any rights to which Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent may be entitled under the corporation's Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, any agreement, any vote of shareholders or disinterested directors, or under the laws of the State of California.

Section 6.15 **SEVERABILITY.** Nothing in this Article VI is intended to require or shall be construed as requiring the corporation to do or fail to do any act in violation of applicable law. If this Article VI or any portion hereof shall be invalidated on any ground by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the corporation shall nevertheless indemnify Indemnitee or Indemnitee Agent to the fullest extent permitted by any applicable portion of this Article VI that shall not have been invalidated.

Section 6.16 **MUTUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT.** Both the corporation and Indemnitee acknowledge that in certain instances, Federal law or applicable public policy may prohibit the corporation from indemnifying its directors and officers under this Article VI or otherwise. Indemnitee understands and

acknowledges that the corporation has undertaken or may be required in the future to undertake with the Securities and Exchange Commission to submit the question of indemnification to a court in certain circumstances for a determination of the corporation's right under public policy to indemnify Indemnitee.

Section 6.17 OFFICER AND DIRECTOR LIABILITY INSURANCE. The corporation shall, from time to time, make the good faith determination whether or not it is practicable for the corporation to obtain and maintain a policy or policies of insurance with reputable insurance companies providing the officers and directors of the corporation with coverage for losses from wrongful acts, or to ensure the corporation's performance of its indemnification obligations under this Article VI. Among other considerations, the corporation will weigh the costs of obtaining such insurance coverage against the protection afforded by such coverage. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the corporation shall have no obligation to obtain or maintain such insurance if the corporation determines in good faith that such insurance is not reasonably available, if the premium costs for such insurance are disproportionate to the amount of coverage provided, if the coverage provided by such insurance is limited by exclusions so as to provide an insufficient benefit, or if Indemnitee is covered by similar insurance maintained by a subsidiary or parent of the corporation.

Section 6.18 NOTICE TO INSURERS. If, at the time of the receipt of a notice of a claim pursuant to Section 6.6 hereof, the corporation has director and officer liability insurance in effect, the corporation shall give prompt notice of the commencement of such proceeding to the insurers in accordance with the procedures set forth in the respective policies. The corporation shall thereafter take all necessary or desirable action to cause such insurers to pay, on behalf of the Indemnitee, all amounts payable as a result of such proceeding in accordance with the terms of such policies.

Section 6.19 ATTORNEYS FEES. In the event that any action is instituted by Indemnitee under this Article VI to enforce or interpret any of the terms hereof, Indemnitee shall be entitled to be paid all court costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Indemnitee with respect to such action, unless as a part of such action, the court of competent jurisdiction determines that the action was not instituted in good faith or was frivolous. In the event of an action instituted by or in the name of the corporation under this Article VI, or to enforce or interpret any of the terms of this Article VI, Indemnitee shall be entitled to be paid all court costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by Indemnitee in defense of such action (including with respect to Indemnitee's counterclaims and cross-claims made in such action), unless as a part of such action the court determines that Indemnitee's defenses to such action were not made in good faith or were frivolous. The board of directors may, in its discretion, provide by resolution for payment of such attorneys' fees to any Indemnitee Agent.

Section 6.20 NOTICE. All notices, requests, demands and other communications under this Article VI shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given (i) if delivered by hand and received for by the addressee, on the date of such receipt, or (ii) if mailed by domestic certified or registered mail with postage prepaid, on the third business day after the date postmarked.

The Company maintains an insurance policy pursuant to which the directors and certain officers of the Company are insured, within the limits and subject to the limitations of the policy, against certain expenses in connection with the defense of certain claims, actions, suits or proceedings, and certain liabilities which might be imposed as a result of such claims, actions, suits or proceedings, which may be brought against them by reason of their being or having been such directors or officers.

The Company has entered into indemnification agreements with each of its directors and certain of its officers that may be broader than the specific indemnification provisions contained in the California General Corporation Law. These indemnification agreements require the Company, among other things, to indemnify its directors and certain of its officers against liabilities that may arise by reason of their status or service. These indemnification agreements also require the Company to advance all expenses incurred by the directors and certain of its officers in investigating or defending any such action, suit or proceeding. The Company believes that these agreements are necessary to attract and retain qualified individuals to serve as directors and officers.

**Item 7.** Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

**Item 8.** Exhibits.

| <b>Exhibit Number</b> | <b>Description of Exhibit</b>   |
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| 4.3                   | Rights Agreement dated as of March 3, 1998, between the Company and U.S. Stock Transfer Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on March 5, 1998).                                  |
| 4.4                   | Amendment and Extension of Rights Agreement dated as of March 3, 1998, between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on March 24, 2008). |
| 4.5                   | Form of certificate of Common Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-135663) filed with the Commission on July 10, 2006).  |
| 5.1                   | Opinion of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP.   |

- 23.1 Consent of Stonefield Josephson, Inc., Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
- 23.2 Consent of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP (included in its opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1).
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (See page 14).

**Item 9.** Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

*Provided, however,* that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Van Nuys, State of California, on August 19, 2008.

HEMACARE CORPORATION

By

/s/ Robert S. Chilton  
Robert S. Chilton,  
Chief Financial Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

FILING OF REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-8

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each of the undersigned directors and officers of HEMACARE CORPORATION, a California corporation (the Company), hereby nominate and appoint Julian Steffenhagen and Robert S. Chilton, and each of them acting or signing singly, as his or her agents and attorneys-in-fact (the Agents), in his or her respective name and in the capacity or capacities indicated below to execute and/or file, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, (1) a registration statement on Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Act), in connection with the registration under the Act of shares of the Company's Common Stock issuable under the 2004 Stock Purchase Plan (including the schedules and all exhibits and other documents filed therewith or constituting a part thereof); and (2) any one or more amendments to any part of the foregoing registration statement, including any post-effective amendments, or appendices or supplements that may be required to be filed under the Act to keep such registration statement effective or to terminate its effectiveness.

Further, the undersigned do hereby authorize and direct such agents and attorneys-in-fact to take any and all actions and execute and file any and all documents with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), or state regulatory agencies, necessary, proper or convenient in their opinion to comply with the Act and the rules and regulations or orders of the SEC, or state regulatory agencies, adopted or issued pursuant thereto, including the making of any requests for acceleration of the effective date of said registration statement, to the end that the registration statement of the Company shall become effective under the Act and any other applicable law.

Finally, each of the undersigned does hereby ratify, confirm and approve each and every act and document which the said appointed agents and attorneys-in-fact may take, execute or file pursuant thereto with the same force and effect as though such action had been taken or such documents had been executed or filed by the undersigned respectively.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked or superseded by written notice filed with the SEC.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| <b>Signature</b>                                     | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Date</b>     |
|--|---|-----------------|
| /s/ Julian L. Steffenhagen<br>Julian L. Steffenhagen | Chairman of the Board, and<br>Chief Executive Officer<br>(Principal Executive Officer)                                | August 19, 2008 |
| /s/ Robert S. Chilton<br>Robert S. Chilton           | Executive Vice President, Chief<br>Financial Officer and Secretary<br>(Principal Financial and<br>Accounting Officer) | August 19, 2008 |
| /s/ Steven Gerber<br>Steven Gerber                   | Director  | August 19, 2008 |
| /s/ Teresa Sligh<br>Teresa Sligh                     | Director  | August 19, 2008 |
| /s/ Terry Van Der Tuuk<br>Terry Van Der Tuuk         | Director  | August 19, 2008 |

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|----------------|---|
| 4.3            | Rights Agreement dated as of March 3, 1998, between the Company and U.S. Stock Transfer Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on March 5, 1998).                                  |
| 4.4            | Amendment and Extension of Rights Agreement dated as of March 3, 1998, between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on March 24, 2008). |
| 4.5            | Form of certificate of Common Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-135663) filed with the Commission on July 10, 2006).  |
| 5.1            | Opinion of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP.   |
| 23.1           | Consent of Stonefield Josephson, Inc., Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.   |
| 23.2           | Consent of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP (included in its opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1).  |
| 24.1           | Power of Attorney (See page 14).  |