

WEISSMAN IRVING
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WEISSMAN IRVING

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
STEMCELLS INC [STEM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

C/O STEMCELLS, INC., 3155 PORTER DRIVE

(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2008 | 12/31/2008 | G ⁽¹⁾ | 130,326 D \$ 0 | 683,736 | D | Individual |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2008 | 12/31/2008 | G ⁽²⁾ | 80,892 A \$ 0 | 105,079 | I | family trusts ⁽³⁾ |

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. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WEISSMAN IRVING C/O STEMCELLS, INC. 3155 PORTER DRIVE PALO ALTO, CA 94304 | X | A | A | A |

Signatures

Irving Weissman by Ken Stratton,
Attorney-in-Fact 01/07/2009

**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) This transaction involved gifts of securities by the reporting person to his children and grandchildren, either directly or to trusts established for their benefit, as well as to certain charitable organizations.
- (2) This transaction involved gifts of securities by the reporting person to trusts established for the benefit of either a family member of his or a minor who shares the reporting person's household. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held in these trusts, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (3) 105,079 shares held in trust as to which he disclaims beneficial ownership.

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