FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] ACKERMAN THOMAS F						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CRYOLIFE INC</u> [CRY]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last)		st) (Middle)				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/05/2006										r (give title		Other (below)		
CRYOLIFE, INC. 1655 ROBERTS BLVD., NW					4. If A	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) KENNESAW GA 30144														X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reportin Person						
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip)																			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day					Exe if a	A. Deemed Execution Date, f any Month/Day/Year)		Code (In	Transaction Dispos Code (Instr. and 5)			uired (/ (Instr. 3			ties For cially (D) I Ind		n: Direct or rect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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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. Transact Code (In 8)		ion of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		o D S (I	. Price f verivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		piration ite	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	er						
Stock Option	\$5	05/05/2006			A		10,000		05/05/2006	05	/05/2011	Common Stock	10,00	00	\$ <mark>0</mark>	10,000		D		

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

05/05/2006 /s/ Thomas F. Ackerman

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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