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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 [*] Gale David C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CRYOLIFE INC</u> [CRY]		ationship of Reporting all applicable) Director	Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) CRYOLIFE, INC	, , , , , ,		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/19/2017	x	Officer (give title below) VP, Research &	Other (specify below)		
1655 ROBERTS BLVD, N.W. (Street) KENNESAW GA (City) (State) (Zip)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X 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)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Disposed Of 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/19/2017	02/20/2017	F		777 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$17.25	68,383	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2017	02/20/2017	A		10,471(2)	Α	\$17.25	78,854	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2017	02/20/2017	F		1,745(1)	D	\$17.25	77,109	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2017	02/21/2017	A		3,778 ⁽³⁾	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	80,887	D	

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)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$16.3							02/21/2018	02/21/2024	Common Stock	10,642		10,642	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. These shares were withheld upon the vesting of restricted stock to pay tax withholding obligations.

2. Represents performance stock units granted on February 19, 2016 and earned at approximately 142.2% of target based on 2016 adjusted EBITDA. Fifty percent (50%) were issued on February 19, 2017. The remaining shares earned in connection with the February 2016 grant will vest and be issued as follows: 50% on 02/19/2018, and 50% on 02/19/2019, assuming continued employment on the relevant vesting date.

3. Represents share of restricted stock that vest on the third anniversary of the grant date if the reporting person remains in the continuous employ of the Company.

/s/ David Gale ** Signature of Reporting Person

02/22/2017

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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