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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Benson James				CR'	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CRYOLIFE INC [CRY]									neck all a _l	nip of Reporting Poplicable) ector		Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(Fir	st) (M	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/16/2012										Officer (give title below)		Other (specify 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) KENNES	SAW GA 30144													X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(St	ate) (Z	Zip)																
		Tabl	e I - N	lon-Deriv	ative S	Secu	ıritie	s Acc	juired, l	Disp	posed of	f, or	Bene	ficia	lly Owr	ned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day/					Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3)						Secu Bend Own	mount of irities eficially ed owing	Form (D) or	ect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	Repo Tran	orted saction(s) r. 3 and 4)	(iiisu	. 4)	(111501. 4)
Common Stock 05/16/20					012			A		10,000	(1)	A	\$0		60,000		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)	ivative Conversion Date Execution Date, urity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		tion Date,	Code (li	ransaction of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Exercisable Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst. 3 and 4) Amount or Numb of Share		str. ount	8. Price of Derivativi Security (Instr. 5)	of derivative Derivative Securities Security Beneficiall		o. wnership orm: irect (D) r Indirect) (Instr.	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents shares of restricted stock that vest on the first anniversary of the grant date if the reporting person remains a member of the Company's board of directors, subject to earlier vesting upon certain events including death, disability and retirement from the board after serving out his full term because the director is not standing for re-election at the end of the term.

Remarks:

/s/ D.A. Lee, Attorney-in-Fact 05/18/2012

** 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).
- ** 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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