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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP	OMB Number:	3235	

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* WATSON DOUGLAS G				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ORASURE TECHNOLOGIES INC [OSUR]							R] Che	S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/14/2004								Officer below)	(give title		Other (s _i below)	pecify	
(Street) BETHLEH (City)	HEM PA	te) (Z	8015 (ip)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) 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. Trans Date (Month/I				ction 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) 5)			d (A) or r. 3, 4 and	or 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Folk Reported		Form ly (D) or		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
					Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transacti (Instr. 3 a								
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																	
L. Title of Derivative Security Instr. 3) 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security Security 3. Transaction Date Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)		Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of i		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)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$8.2	01/14/2004			A ⁽¹⁾		30,000		(1)	01/14/2014	Common Stock	30,000	(1)	30,000	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Grant of nonqualified stock options, vesting and exercisable on a monthly basis, over the 12 months immediately following the grant date. Vesting shall cease 90 days after the individual ceases to serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Remarks:

Mark L. Kuna, as Attorney In Fact for Douglas G. Watson (Power of Attorney previously filed).

01/16/2004

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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

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