

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Mendez Manuel O.</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 11/05/2009	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ORASURE TECHNOLOGIES INC [OSUR]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP, Marketing and Sales</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
(Last) (First) (Middle) <u>220 EAST FIRST STREET</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Street) <u>BETHLEHEM PA 18015</u>			
(City) (State) (Zip)			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>5,000⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>D</u>	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
<u>Non-Qualified Stock Options</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>05/26/2019</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>3.3</u>	<u>D</u>

Explanation of Responses:

- Grant of restricted shares under the OraSure Technologies, Inc. 2000 Stock Award Plan, all of which vest on May 26, 2011. Vesting shall cease upon voluntary termination of employment.
- Grant of non-qualified stock options, vesting over a four year period, with one-fourth vesting on May 26, 2010 and the remainder vesting ratably on a monthly basis over the next 36 months. Vesting shall cease upon voluntary termination of employment.

/s/ Jack E. Jerrett, as Attorney-
in Fact for Manuel O. Mendez 11/12/2009

** 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 5 (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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