THORATEC CORP Form 4 May 27, 2014

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Padmanabhan Vasant

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

THORATEC CORP [THOR]

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/22/2014

Director 10% Owner

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) SVP, Technical Operations

6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price

Common Stock (1)

(City)

05/22/2014(2)

A 18,134

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(3)

D

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

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

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title a	nd	8. Price of	9. Nu
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Padmanabhan Vasant

6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE SVP, Technical Operations

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

Signatures

/s/David A. Lehman, Attorney-In-Fact 05/27/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Represents restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents a right to receive one share of Thoratec Corporation common stock upon vesting. The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments commencing one year after the grant date.
- Initial equity grant according to the Company's Amended and Restated 2006 Incentive Stock Plan. The authorized equity grant will be processed according to the Company's monthly grant process and will take place on the first available grant date immediately following the equity grant approval.
- (3) Restricted stock units were granted pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 2006 Incentive Stock Plan with no payment received for the restricted stock units.

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