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Form 4

November 14, 2006

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

STEELE LEE C

(Last)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

MERCURY COMPUTER SYSTEMS INC [MRCY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 11/13/2006

3 DURHAM STREET, #2

(Middle)

(Street)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

BOSTON, MA 02115

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

5. Number of 4. TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Ar Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)
Derivative or Disposed of Security (D)
(Instr. 3, 4.

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A)

(D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title

Date

Non-Qualified

Stock Option \$ 12.81 11/13/2006 A 16,000 11/13/2006(1) 11/13/2016 Common

(Right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STEELE LEE C

3 DURHAM STREET, #2 X

BOSTON, MA 02115

Signatures

Craig Barrows, Attorney-in-fact

**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) This option vests as to 8,000 shares on each of November 13, 2006 and 2007.
- (2) Field N/A to this transaction but was completed to allow for electronic filing only.

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