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response...

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ball F Michael			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEC, INC. [STEC]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (N	(liddle)	3. Date of	Earliest Ti	ransaction	(Chec	ck all applicable	e)	
` ′	INC., 3001 DAIN	ŕ	(Month/D 01/03/20	ay/Year)		_X_ Director Officer (give below)	e title Other below)		
	(Street)		4. If Ame	ndment, Da	te Original	6. Individual or J	oint/Group Filir	ng(Check	
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deei	med	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature o	
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(Instr. 3)	•	any		Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
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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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of tiorDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		: (
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.74	01/03/2011		M		10,000	<u>(1)</u>	05/03/2011	Common Stock	10,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
·F. · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Ball F Michael C/O STEC, INC. 3001 DAIMLER STREET SANTA ANA, CA 92705-5812	X						

Signatures

/s/ F. Michael Ball /rms under power of attorney

**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) The shares subject to the options were fully vested, having vested in five equal annual installments beginning 5/3/2002.
- (2) The reporting person sold these shares pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$19.000 to \$19.0002. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

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