

MERRIMAN RONALD  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MERRIMAN RONALD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PENTAIR INC [PNR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
5500 WAYZATA BLVD., SUITE 800

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/12/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55416-1261

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3)   | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8)   | Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Phantom Stock<br>Units -<br>Deferred<br>Compensation | \$ 1 <u>(1)</u>                    | 09/12/2007       | A <u>(2)</u> | 19.188   |      |   |     |     | <u>(3)</u>          | <u>(3)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 19.188                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MERRIMAN RONALD<br>5500 WAYZATA BLVD.<br>SUITE 800<br>GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55416-1261 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Louis L. Ainsworth,<br>Attorney-In-Fact   | 09/13/2007 |
| <u>  </u> **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) Phantom stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Represents phantom stock units credited under a deferred compensation plan for non-employee directors over which the reporting person has no current dispositive or voting power.
- (4) Shares acquired under this Plan are purchased over a three-day trading period. The price shown is the average purchase price over the trading period.
- (3) Settlement of phantom stock units will be in Pentair common stock in accordance with reporting person's irrevocable election.

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