

STAAR SURGICAL CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
Gesten Samuel J

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1911 WALKER AVENUE  
(Street)

MONROVIA, CA 91016

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
STAAR SURGICAL CO [STAA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/18/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP, General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Following 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)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/18/2017                           |  | F                              |   | 1,457   | D  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | \$ 9.9  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 03/21/2017                           |  | A                              |   | 11,250  | A  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | \$ 0  |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 41,149  | 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)

| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative 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 |
| Common Stock Options (2)                   | \$ 9.3   | 03/21/2016                           |  | A                              | 22,500  | 03/21/2018   | 03/20/2027  | Common Stock | 22,500                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| Gesten Samuel J<br>1911 WALKER AVENUE<br>MONROVIA, CA 91016 |               |           | VP, General Counsel |       |

## Signatures

Samuel J. Gesten 03/21/2017

\*\*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) Award of 10,000 Restricted Stock Units of Common Stock (RSU), subject to forfeiture rights, which lapse as to 1/3 of the RSUs on 3/18/17, 1/3 of the RSUs on 3/18/18, and the remaining 1/3 of the RSUs on 3/18/19.
- (2) The options granted become exercisable as follows: 1/3 on 3/21/2018 and the remaining 2/3 of such options shall become exercisable over the following 24 months in equal amounts on a monthly basis. In the event the options do not evenly divide into 24 months, the remaining balance of options granted shall become exercisable on 3/21/2020.

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