

Mendez Manuel O.
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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 *
Mendez Manuel O.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ORASURE TECHNOLOGIES INC
[OSUR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
220 EAST FIRST STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/25/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP Marketing & Sales

BETHLEHEM, PA 18015

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2010 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 8,930 A | 8,930 | 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 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| NonQual. Stock Options | \$ 5.19 | 01/25/2010 | | A ⁽²⁾ | 15,170 | ⁽²⁾ 01/25/2020 | Common Stock | 15,170 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Mendez Manuel O. 220 EAST FIRST STREET BETHLEHEM, PA 18015 | | | VP Marketing & Sales | |

Signatures

Mark L. Kuna, as Attorney-In-Fact for Manuel O. Mendez (Power of Attorney previously filed). 01/26/2010

__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) Grant of restricted shares under the OraSure Technologies, Inc. 2000 Stock Award Plan, with one-third of the grant vesting on January 25, 2011, January 25, 2012, and January 25, 2013. Vesting shall cease upon voluntary termination of employment.
- (2) Grant of nonqualified stock options, vesting and exercisable over a four year period, with one-fourth of the options vesting on the first anniversary date of the grant and the remainder vesting ratably on a monthly basis, over the remaining 36 months. Vesting shall cease upon voluntary termination of employment.

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