

BENSON JOHN W  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BENSON JOHN W**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SURMODICS INC [SRDX]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**677 NORELL AVENUE NORTH**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/30/2011**

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

**STILLWATER, MN 55082**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 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)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | 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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 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) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
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| Derivative Security                        |         | or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |   |            | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|---------|---|---|------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |         | Code                                    | V | (A)        |                  |                 |              |                            |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 12.4 |   |   | 11/30/2011 |                  |                 | Common Stock | 11,450                     |
|  |         | A                                       |   | 11,450     | <sup>(2)</sup>   | 11/30/2011      |              |                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BENSON JOHN W<br>677 NORELL AVENUE NORTH<br>STILLWATER, MN 55082 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Bryan K. Phillips, on behalf of John W.  
Benson 12/02/2011

\*\*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) Represents a stock option award granted pursuant to the issuer's Board Compensation Policy, amended and restated as of February 8, 2010.
- (2) The award vests in four equal installments on each of the first four anniversaries of the November 30, 2011 grant date.

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