

McCarthy Michael
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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 *
McCarthy Michael

(Last) (First) (Middle)
55 EXECUTIVE DRIVE
(Street)

HUDSON, NH 03051

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PRESSTEK INC /DE/ [PRST]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2006

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)
Sr. Vice President-Operations

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/21/2006		M	10,000 A \$ 8.02	10,000	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S	10,000 D \$ 11.5947	0	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.02	02/21/2006		M	10,000	12/31/2005 ⁽¹⁾ 02/11/2015	Common Stock 10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McCarthy Michael 55 EXECUTIVE DRIVE HUDSON, NH 03051			Sr. Vice President-Operations	

Signatures

/s/ Michael
McCarthy
Date: 02/23/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) These options were part of a grant of 100,000 options made to the reporting person on February 11, 2005. When granted, the options were scheduled to vest as follows: 50,000 on June 30, 2005, 16,667 on June 30, 2006, 16,667 on June 30, 2007 and 16,666 on June 30, 2008. On December 13, 2005, the Board of Directors of the Issuer voted to vest, effective as of December 31, 2005, all unvested outstanding options held by employees, officers, directors and consultants, including the options described herein.

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