ABIOMED INC Form 4 August 15, 2008

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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SECURITIES Form 4 or

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * O CONNELL DESMOND JR Symbol (First) (Middle) (Last)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ABIOMED INC [ABMD]

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

C/O ABIOMED, INC., 22 CHERRY HILL DRIVE

(State)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

08/13/2008

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

DANVERS, MA 01923

(City)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of TransactionAcquired (A) or Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned

Following Reported Transaction(s) 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common

Stock, \$.01 par value

62,876

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of iorDerivative 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 o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 16.75						07/01/2001(2)	07/01/2010	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 19.69						08/09/2001(3)	08/09/2010	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 18.4						08/08/2002(3)	08/08/2011	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 4.71						08/06/2003(3)	05/21/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 5.15						08/13/2004(3)	08/13/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 10.41						08/11/2005(3)	08/11/2014	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 10.06						08/09/2006(3)	08/09/2015	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 13.21						08/08/2007(3)	08/09/2016	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 12.69						08/13/2008(3)	08/08/2017	Common Stock	8,000

Stock

Option (right to \$ 18.63 08/13/2008 A 12,000 08/12/2009(3) 08/13/2018 Common Stock 12,000

buy) (5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

O CONNELL DESMOND JR
C/O ABIOMED, INC.
22 CHERRY HILL DRIVE
DANVERS, MA 01923

Signatures

/s/ Daniel J Sutherby (by power of attorney) 08/15/2008

**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).

Date

- Grant to reporting person of option to buy the number of shares of Common Stock set forth in Table II, Column 7, under the ABIOMED, Inc. 1989 Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- (2) This option becomes exercisable in annual 20% increments commencing on the date set forth in Table II, Column 6.
- (3) This option becomes exercisable in full on the date set forth in Table II, Column 6.
- Grant to reporting person of option to buy the number of shares of Common Stock set forth in Table II, Column 7, under the ABIOMED, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (5) Grant to reporting person of option to buy the number of shares of Common Stock set forth in Table II, Column 7, under the ABIOMED, Inc. 2008 Stock Incentive Plan.

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