

Howley Michael G
Form 4
August 14, 2009

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Howley Michael G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

DANVERS, MA 01923

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/12/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

VP, Global Sales & Marketing

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Common Stock. \$.01 par value | 08/12/2009 | | A | 25,000 (4) | A \$ 0 27,500 | 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) | 8. De Se (In |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 5.23 | | | | | 03/05/2009 ⁽²⁾ 03/05/2019 | Common Stock | 80,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 5.86 | | | | | 05/28/2010 ⁽²⁾ 05/28/2019 | Common Stock | 25,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 5.86 | | | | | 03/31/2010 ⁽³⁾ 05/28/2019 | Common Stock | 15,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|----------------------------------|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Howley Michael G C/O ABIOMED, INC. 22 CHERRY HILL DRIVE DANVERS, MA 01923 | VP, Global Sales & Marketing |

Signatures

/s/ Ian W. McLeod (by power of attorney) 08/14/2009

 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 to reporting person of option to buy the number of shares of common stock set forth on Table II, Column 7, under the Abiomed, Inc. 2008 Stock Incentive Plan.

(2) These options become exercisable in annual 25% increments, commencing on the date shown forth in Table II, Column 6.

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- (3) These options become exerciseable upon the achievement of a certain performance milestone.
- (4) Shares of restricted stock awarded to reporting person under the ABIOMED, Inc. 2008 Stock Incentive Plan. These shares vest based upon the achievement of a certain performance milestone.

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