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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Shares

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A PAPA JOSE	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
	CARDI	CARDINAL HEALTH INC [CAH]				(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First) (N	fiddle) 3. Date of	Earliest Tra	ansaction				
•			(Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2004			Director 10% Owner Sylvantial Other (specify below) Other (specify below) Chmn & CEO, Pharm Techn & Svcs		
	4. If Ame	4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
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SOMERSE	1,113 00073					Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ies Acquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	sposed of 4 and 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	12/12/2004		Code V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	D	
Charac	12/13/2004		A	12,500	A (1)	14,400	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivat Securiti Acquire (A) or Dispose of (D) (Instr. 3	onNumber Expiration Date of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. P Der Sec (Ins
				Code V	(A) (I	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 55.76	12/13/2004		A	1	12/13/2007	12/13/2014	Common Shares	160,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
PAPA JOSEPH C 14 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD SOMERSET, NJ 08873			Chmn & CEO, Pharm Techn & Svcs			

Signatures

Joseph C. Papa 12/15/2004 **Signature of Date 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) Restricted share unit award granted without payment by grantee.
- (2) Stock option granted pursuant to the Cardinal Health, Inc. Equity Incentive Plan.

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