

CIPHERGEN BIOSYSTEMS INC
 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 *
 RATHMANN JAMES L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CIPHERGEN BIOSYSTEMS INC
 [CIPHE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O CIPHERGEN BIOSYSTEMS,
 INC., 6611 DUMBARTON CIRCLE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/20/2005

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

FREMONT, CA 94555

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial 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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 0.9	12/20/2005	A		150,000		01/20/2006 ⁽¹⁾	12/20/2015	Common Stock	150,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RATHMANN JAMES L
 C/O CIPHERGEN BIOSYSTEMS, INC.
 6611 DUMBARTON CIRCLE
 FREMONT, CA 94555

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Signatures

/s/ Matthew J. Hogan, by power of attorney

12/22/2005

__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) The Option is subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/24th of the shares subject to the Option shall become exercisable on January 20, 2006 and an additional 1/24th of the shares subject to the Option shall become exercisable each month thereafter.

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