

CIPHERGEN BIOSYSTEMS INC  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Â Sullivan William C  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CIPHERGEN BIOSYSTEMS, INC., Â 6611 DUMBARTON CIRCLE  
 (Street)

FREMONT, Â CA Â 94555  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
 04/12/2006

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CIPHERGEN BIOSYSTEMS INC [CIPH]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer \_\_\_ Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 Vice President, Operations

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

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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

Title Amount or Number of

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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option To Purchase Common Stock	03/19/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/19/2014	Common Stock	90,000	\$ 8.53	D	Â
Option To Purchase Common Stock	10/16/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/16/2014	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 3.7	D	Â
Option To Purchase Common Stock	05/06/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	04/06/2015	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 1.8	D	Â
Option To Purchase Common Stock	09/05/2005 <sup>(4)</sup>	08/05/2015	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 2.19	D	Â
Option To Purchase Common Stock	01/20/2006 <sup>(5)</sup>	12/20/2015	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 0.9	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sullivan William C C/O CIPHERGEN BIOSYSTEMS, INC. 6611 DUMBARTON CIRCLE FREMONT, CA 94555	Â	Â	Â Vice President, Operations	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Daniel M. Caserza, by power of attorney

04/21/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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: 1/60th of the shares subject to the Option shall become exercisable on March 19, 2004 and an additional 1/60th of the shares subject to the Option shall become exercisable each month thereafter.
- (2) The Option is subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/60th of the shares subject to the Option shall become exercisable on October 16, 2004 and an additional 1/60th of the shares subject to the Option shall become exercisable each month thereafter.
- (3) The Option is subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/60th of the shares subject to the Option shall become exercisable on May 6, 2005 and an additional 1/60th of the shares subject to the Option shall become exercisable each month thereafter.
- (4) The Option is subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/24th of the shares subject to the Option shall become exercisable on September 5, 2005 and an additional 1/24th of the shares subject to the Option shall become exercisable each month thereafter.
- (5) 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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