

COTTINGHAM JOHN A  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**COTTINGHAM JOHN A**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 5791 VAN ALLEN WAY  
 (Street)

CARLSBAD, CA 92008

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**INVITROGEN CORP [IVGN]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/14/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP, Gen Counsel & Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/14/2008	11/14/2008	M	V	3,000	A	\$ 0 11,356	D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	11/14/2008	11/14/2008	F	V	1,073	D	\$ 25.05 10,283	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)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit <u>(2)</u>	\$ 0	11/14/2008	11/14/2008	M	V	3,000		11/14/2008	11/14/2015	Common Stock	3,000
Restricted Stock Unit <u>(3)</u>	\$ 0	03/14/2008	03/14/2008	A	V	3,152		03/14/2009	03/14/2018	Common Stock	3,152

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COTTINGHAM JOHN A 5791 VAN ALLEN WAY CARLSBAD, CA 92008			SVP, Gen Counsel & Secretary	

## Signatures

/s/ Joseph W. Secondine, Jr. 11/18/2008

\_\_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) This sale is being conducted to cover the sales price and tax liability resulting from the vesting of a restricted stock award.
- (2) Shares exercised and sold from option grant #RS1009.
- (3) Grant # RS2171, values are post-split.

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