FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] HENDERSON JOHN T						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CYTOKINETICS INC</u> [CYTK]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last)		rst) (3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/19/2009											r (give title		10% O Other (below)		
280 EAST GRAND AVENUE						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street)										- /	- /								
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA 94080															Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(S	tate) ((Zip)		=														
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) Date (Month/Day						Execution Date,			Code (In	Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. and 5)			ired (A) nstr. 3, 4	4 S B O			es Formally (D) Indi		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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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. Transact Code (In 8)	tion of			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pri of Deriv Secu (Insti	vative rity	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership
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Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$1.95	02/19/2009			A		30,000		03/19/2009 ⁽	1) 0	2/19/2019	Common Stock	30,000) \$	0	30,000	,	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. This option shall vest and become exercisable as to 833 shares on 03/19/09 and the balance of 29,167 divided into equal monthly installments thereafter such that the option shall be 100% vested on 02/19/12.

By: Sharon Barbari For: John T. Henderson 02/20/2009

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

 * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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