

Hillenbrand, Inc.  
Form 4  
April 02, 2008

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Zerkle John R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE BATESVILLE BOULEVARD

(Street)

BATESVILLE, IN 47006

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
Hillenbrand, Inc. [HI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/31/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Senior V.P. Gen. Counsel &amp; Sec

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

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/31/2008		C	(A) or (D) Amount (1) \$ 8,744 22.305	12,755 (2)	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2008		F	(A) or (D) Amount \$ 2,821 22.305	9,934	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (Deferred Stock Award) 12/5/07	(3)	03/31/2008		A <sup>(4)</sup>		4,401		12/06/2009 <sup>(5)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	4,401
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.54	03/31/2008		A <sup>(4)</sup>		2,901		12/15/2005 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/15/2014	Common Stock	2,901
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.5	03/31/2008		A <sup>(4)</sup>		6,382		11/30/2006 <sup>(6)</sup>	11/30/2015	Common Stock	6,382
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.61	03/31/2008		A <sup>(4)</sup>		10,880		11/30/2007 <sup>(6)</sup>	11/30/2016	Common Stock	10,880
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.84	03/31/2008		A <sup>(4)</sup>		14,362		12/05/2008 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/05/2017	Common Stock	14,362

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other  
Senior V.P. Gen. Counsel & Sec

Zerkle John R  
ONE BATESVILLE BOULEVARD  
BATESVILLE, IN 47006

## Signatures

Carol A. Roell As Attorney-In-Fact for John R.  
Zerkle

04/02/2008

\_\_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) These shares were issued in replacement of Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. ("Hill-Rom") Restricted Stock Units which had vested in conjunction with the spin off of Hillenbrand, Inc. from Hill-Rom.

On March 31, 2008, Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. (formerly Hillenbrand Industries, Inc.) distributed all of the shares of common stock of

- (2) Hillenbrand, Inc. (formerly Batesville Holdings, Inc.) to the shareholders of Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. in a pro rata distribution. A portion of these shares of common stock represents shares received in this distribution.

- (3) Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Securities is 1-for-1.

In connection with the distribution described in note (2) above, the reporting person was granted restricted stock awards and stock options

- (4) in substitution of awards and options previously issued by Hill-Rom. Restricted Stock Units are entitled to dividend equivalent rights which accrue on dividend record dates.

Restricted Stock Units vest 20% on 12/6/2009; 25% on 12/6/2010; 25% on 12/6/2011 and 30% on 12/6/2012. Stock units will

- (5) automatically be converted into shares of common stock in accordance with the respective vesting schedule unless a previous deferral election has been made. Stock units are entitled to dividend equivalent rights, which accrue on dividend record dates.

- (6) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date indicated.

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