WHITTERS JOSEPH E

Form 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WHITTERS JOSEPH E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

MENTOR CORP /MN/ [MNT]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(First) (Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

201 MENTOR DRIVE

(Month/Day/Year) 09/15/2008

below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

SANTA BARBARA, CA 93111

(State) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Street)

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially Owned

Following Reported

Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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7. Nature of

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

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Derivative or Disposed of Security (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

or Number of Shares

Amount

Options,

Right to \$23.85 09/15/2008 A 10,000 (1) 09/15/2018 Common Stock 10,000

Buy

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WHITTERS JOSEPH E 201 MENTOR DRIVE SANTA BARBARA, CA 93111

Signatures

/S/Joseph Newcomb, attorney-in-fact.

09/16/2008

**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) The option vests in two equal annual installments beginning on 09/15/2009.

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