FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Ty	pe Response	s)												
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SAMANT VIJAY B				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VICAL INC [VICL] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2009 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 10390 PACIFIC CENTER COURT										X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President & CEO				
(Street) SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person											
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Т	able I - No	n-Der	ivative s	Securities	s Acqui	ired, Dispo	sed of, or I	Beneficially (Owned	
(Instr. 3) Date		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		if Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		of (D)	Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)			Ownership o Form: B	Beneficial	
				(Month/Day/Year)	Code	V	Amour	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 a	nd 4)			, T
Common	Stock \$.0	1 par value	01/05/2009		D		638 (1	D	\$ 1.35	189,138			D	
Common	Stock \$.0	1 par value	01/06/2009		D		425 (2	D	\$ 141	188,713			D	
Reminder:	Report on a s	separate line fo		Derivative Securi	ies Acquir	Pers cont the f	sons whatained in form dis	no respo n this fo splays a	rm are curre	not requesting ntly valid		formation spond unles trol number	s	1474 (9-02)
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Da	4. Transaction Code Year) (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) An Un Set (In 4)		7. To Amo Und Secu (Inst	itle and ount of erlying urities tr. 3 and	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form of Derivativ Security Direct (I or Indire	Beneficia Ownershi (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exer	e rcisable	Expiration Date	on Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Reporting Owners

	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SAMANT VIJAY B 10390 PACIFIC CENTER COURT SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	X		President & CEO			

Signatures

Vijay B. Samant	01/06/2009	
**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) Represents shares withheld for taxes upon the release of restricted stock granted on January 5, 2007
- (2) Represents shares withheld for taxes upon the release of restricted stock granted on January 6, 2006

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