FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|--|---|--|-------------|---------|---|--|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------------|----------|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MATSUI CONNIE        |   |  |             |         | ID  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  IDEC PHARMACEUTICALS CORP / DE  [IDPH] |                  |                                   |                 |  |                       |          |   |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title Check (specify)                   |  |   |  |  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 3030 CALLAN RD                         |   |  |             |         | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/27/2003 |  |                  |                                   |                 |  |                       |          |   | X Officer (give title below)  Sr V P, Planning& Resource Dev / Sr V P, Planning& Resource Dev |  |  |   |  |  |  |
| (Street) SAN DIF   | N DIEGO CA 92121  |  |             |         |   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                   |                  |                                   |                 |  |                       |          |   |   | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |   |  |  |  |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Date) |   |  |             |         | Execution Date,   |  | Code             | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. |                 |  |                       |          | nd 5) Se<br>Be<br>Ov  | Amount of<br>curities<br>neficially<br>vned Followin<br>ported                                | Fo<br>(D   | Ownership<br>orm: Direct<br>O) or Indirect<br>) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |  |  |
|  |   |  |             |         |   |  |                  |                                   | Code            | v  | Amount                | ()<br>() | A) or<br>D)   | Price   | Tra  | nsaction(s)<br>str. 3 and 4)                               | action(s)   |  | (Instr. 4)   |  |
| Common Stock 03/31/2   |   |  |             | 1/2003  | 2003  |  | J <sup>(1)</sup> |                                   | 367             | A  |                       | \$29.    | 087   | 37 172,397  |  | D  |   |  |  |  |
| Common Stock 08/20/2   |   |  |             | 0/2003  | 2003  |  | G                | V                                 | 7,000           | ) D  |                       | (2       | 2) 165,397  |   |  | D  |   |  |  |  |
|  |   |  | Table II -  |         |   |  |                  |                                   |                 |  | osed of,<br>convertib |          |   |   |  | ed   |   |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)            | 2.<br>Conversio<br>or Exercis<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |  |             |         | Code (Ins   |  | on of            |                                   | Expirati        | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                       |          | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |   | 8. Price<br>Derivativ<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)  | derivativ  | e<br>s<br>Illy                                      | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |   |  |             |         | Code  | v  | (A)              | (D)                               | Date<br>Exercis | able   | Expiration<br>Date    | Title    | or<br>Nu<br>of  | ımber   |  |  |   |  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Acquisition of shares under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan in a transaction exempt under SEC Rule 16b-3(c).
- 2. Insider gifted 7,000 shares to an unrelated charitable foundation.

By: Pamela A. Blas For: Connie Matsui

08/28/2003

\*\* 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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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