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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | | | or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | | | |
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| 1. Name and Address Clancy Paul | 1 0 | 'erson [*] | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BIOGEN IDEC INC. [BIIB] | (Checl | ationship of Reporting Pe k all applicable) Director Officer (give title | erson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify |
| (Last) 14 CAMBRIDG | (First) E CENTER | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/19/2008 | | below) Executive VP | below) |
| (Street) CAMBRIDGE (City) | MA (State) | 02142 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indi Line) X | vidual or Joint/Group Fili Form filed by One Re Form filed by More th Person | porting Person |
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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. Transa Code (8) | | 4. Securities Disposed Of 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1130.4) |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2008 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,553 | D | \$ <mark>50</mark> | 40,002 | D | |

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. Transa Code (8) | | 5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) of Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5 | ative rities ired osed . 3, 4 | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(S) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Sale pursuant to a trading plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

/s/ Robert A. Licht, Attorney in 09/22/2008 fact for Paul J. Clancy

** 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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