

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>SCHNEIER CRAIG ERIC</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>14 CAMBRIDGE CENTER</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>CAMBRIDGE MA 02142</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>BIOGEN IDEC INC [ BIIB ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>EVP, Human Resources</u> |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>10/28/2004</u>          |  |
|  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|---------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/28/2004                           |  | M                              |   | 5,750   | A          | \$45.93 | 80,500  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/28/2004                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 5,750   | D          | \$60    | 74,750  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |         | 16,206.3199   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |         | 460   | I  | by Spouse   |

**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 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 |
| Stock Option (right-to-buy) <sup>(2)</sup> | \$45.93  | 10/28/2004                           |  | M                              |   |  | 5,750 |  | (3)             | 10/08/2011  | Common Stock                               | 5,750  | (2)   | 74,750   | D     |                            |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Sale pursuant to a trading plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- Granted under one of the Issuer's stock option plans, in an exempt transaction under SEC rule 16(b)-3(d).
- The stock option becomes exercisable in four (4) equal annual installments, commencing one year after the grant date of 10/08/01.

**Remarks:**

By: Benjamin S. Harshbarger 11/01/2004  
 For: Craig Eric Schneier

\*\* 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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