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# FORM 4

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Addre<br>MacLean Mi | ss of Reporting Perso<br>chael F      | on*            | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>BIOGEN IDEC INC. [BIIB] |                        | ationship of Reporting Perso<br>( all applicable)<br>Director                                | 10% Owner                              |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---|------------------------|--|--|
| (Last)<br>14 CAMBRIDO           | st) (First) (Middle) CAMBRIDGE CENTER |                | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>07/31/2008                | X                      | Officer (give title<br>below)<br>SVP, Chief Accounti   | Other (specify<br>below)<br>ng Officer |
| (Street)<br>CAMBRIDGE<br>(City) | MA<br>(State)                         | 02142<br>(Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                      | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X | vidual or Joint/Group Filing<br>Form filed by One Repor<br>Form filed by More than<br>Person | rting Person                           |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)3.4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and<br>5) |                         |   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |                                    |   |          |
|---------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|------------------------------------|---|----------|
|                                 |  |  | Code                    | v | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | (1130.4) |
| Common Stock                    | 07/31/2008                                 |  | <b>M</b> <sup>(1)</sup> |   | 1,875   | Α   | \$47.77   | 26,769.6459                        | D |          |
| Common Stock                    | 07/31/2008                                 |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>        |   | 1,875   | D   | \$72.77   | 24,894.6459                        | D |          |

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of  |       | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 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>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$47.77   | 07/31/2008                                 |   | M <sup>(1)</sup>             |   |     | 1,875 | (2)  | 11/01/2016         | Common<br>Stock  | 1,875                                  | <b>\$0.00<sup>(3)</sup></b>                         | 5,625  | D  |  |

#### Explanation of Responses:

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

2. The stock options became exercisable in four (4) equal annual installments, commencing one year after the grant date of 11/01/2006.

3. Granted under one of the Issuer's stock option plans, in an exempt transaction under SEC Rule 16(b)-3(d).

### **Remarks:**

Robert A. Licht, Attorney in Fact for Michael F. MacLean

08/01/2008

\*\* 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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