FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* RABSON MICHAEL | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CYTOKINETICS INC [CYTK] | | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | | |
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| (Last) | (Fi | irst) |) (Middle) | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/18/2009 | | | | | | | | Director X Officer (give title below) SVP Business Dev/Le | | | | wner specify GC | |
| 280 EAST GRAND AVENUE (Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | 4. If # | 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 | | | | | |
| (- 5) | | | | on-Deriv | ative : | Sec | urit | ies Ac | auired. [|)isr | osed o | f. or E | Bene | ficiall | v Owned | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Deriva 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day) | | | | tion | ion 2A. Deemed Execution Da | | med on Date, | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (Disposed Of (D) (Instr. and 5) | | | d (A) or | 5. Amou Securiti Benefici Owned Followin | int of es ally | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | t (A) or (D) | | Price | Reporte Transac (Instr. 3 | ed ction(s) | | 4, | (111541. 4) | |
| Common | Stock | | | 12/18/2 | 2009 | | | | M | | 15,00 | 0 | A | \$1.85 | 20 | ,043 | | D | | |
| | | | Tabl | | | | | | quired, Dis | | | | | | vned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | if any | med on Date, | 4. Transac | | 5. Number 6 | | 6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | able and | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4 | | ecurity | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4) | e s Ily g | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | expiration Date | Title | or Nu of | umber | | | | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$1.85 | 12/18/2009 | | | M | | | 15,000 | 03/26/2009 ⁽ | 1) 0 | 2/26/2019 | Commo | | 5,000 | \$0 | 62,91 | 6 | D | | |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$1.85 | | | | | | | | 03/26/2009 ⁽ | 1) 0 | 2/26/2019 | Commo | | 2,084 | | 32,08 | 4 | D | | |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$3.32 | | | | | | | | 03/31/2009 ⁽⁾ | 2) 0 | 3/31/2018 | Commo | | 02,860 | | 102,86 | 60 | D | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$3.32 | | | | | | | | 03/31/2009 ⁽⁾ | 2) 0 | 3/31/2018 | Commo | | 7,140 | | 97,14 | 0 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. When the ISO and NQ dated 02/26/2009 are combined for a total grant of 110,000 shares, the option shall vest and become exercisable as to 2,291 shares on 03/26/09 and the balance of 107,709 divided into equal monthly installments thereafter such that the option shall be 100% vested on 02/26/13.
- 2. When the ISO and NQ dated 03/31/2008 are combined for a total grant of 200,000 shares, the option shall vest and become exercisable as to 50,000 shares on 03/31/09 and the balance of 150,000 divided into equal monthly installments thereafter such that the option shall be 100% vested on 03/31/12.

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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