## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MERTES JAMES L    |   |  |   |           | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERIGON INC [ ARGN ] |   |   |        |                 |   |          |  |   |                                   | eck all app<br>Direc   | licable)<br>tor  | ng Per        | son(s) to Iss<br>10% Ov             | vner   |  |
|---|---|--|---|-----------|---|---|---|--------|-----------------|---|----------|--|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|---------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>5462 IRWINDALE AVENUE            |   |  |   |           |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/04/2008 |   |        |                 |   |          |  |   |                                   |  | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP Ops/Eng/Quality |               |                                     |  |  |
| (Street) IRWIND (City)                                      | ALE C.  |  | 4. 11   | Line) X F |   |   |   |        |                 |   |          |  |   | e)<br><mark>X</mark> Form<br>Form | ral or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person |  |               |                                     |  |  |
|   |   | Tab  | le I - Noi                                    | า-Deriv   | ative   | e Sec   | curiti  | ies Ad | cquire          | d, D  | isp      | osed c   | of, or  | Bene                              | eficial  | ly Owne  | d             |                                     |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transport Date (Month/I |   |  |   |           | ay/Year) if   |   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |        | Transaction Dis |   | Disposed | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4<br>5) |   |                                   | Benefi<br>Owned  | ies<br>cially<br>Following                                     | Form<br>(D) o | n: Direct<br>r Indirect<br>istr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                      |  |
|   |   |  |   |           |   |   |   |        | Со              | de V  | ,        | Amount   | (A<br>(E  | A) or<br>O)                       | Price  | Report<br>Transa<br>(Instr. :                                  | tion(s)       |                                     |  | (Instr. 4)   |
| Common Stock 01/04/   |   |  |   | 4/2008    | 2008  |   | N   | ſ      |                 | 2,000   | 0        | Α  | \$11.4  | 4 1                               | 7,858  |  | D             |                                     |  |  |
| Common Stock 03/0   |   |  |   | 03/06     | 5/2008  | /2008   |   | A      |                 |   | 3,672    | 2  | D   | <b>\$0</b> <sup>(2)</sup>         | 2  | 21,530   |               | D                                   |  |  |
|   |   | Т  | able II -                                     |           |   |   |   |        |                 |   |          | sed of,<br>onverti   |   |                                   |  | Owned  |               |                                     |  |  |
| 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. Deeme<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | Date,     | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8)                                      |   |   |        | Expira          | 6. Date Exercisal<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year |          |  | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secur<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                   |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)            |               | s<br>Ily                            | 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>Exerci  | sable   | Ex<br>Da | piration<br>ite  | Title   | 0<br>N<br>0                       | Amount<br>or<br>Jumber<br>of<br>Shares   |  |               |                                     |  |  |
| Option to<br>Purchase<br>Common                             | \$11.4  | 01/04/2008                                 |   |           | M   |   |   | 2,000  | 01/27/          | 2001  | 01       | /27/2008   | Comm  |                                   | 2,000  | \$0  | 0(1)          |                                     | D  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The amount represents the total number of derivative securities Benefically Owned of the class shown (i.e. the same exercise price and expiration date). The Reporting Person owns a total of 159,000 Options to Purchase Common Stock of varying classes (i.e. varying exercise prices and expiration dates).
- 2. The shares represent Restricted Common Stock issued under the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan that have been granted to the Reporting Person in lieu of a portion of his 2007 Bonus. The shares vest in three portions; 1,224 immediately on March 6, 2008, 1,224 on March 6, 2009 and 1,224 on March 6, 2010.

<u>/s/ James L. Mertes</u> <u>03/13/2008</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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