Instruction 1(b).

## FORM 4

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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     SWAIN PAULA J						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol INCYTE CORP [ INCY ]							(give title O		0% Owner ther (specify		
(Last) (First) (Middle)  EXPERIMENTAL STATION  ROUTE 141 & HENRY CLAY ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2009							X Officer (give title Offier (specify below)  EVP, Human Resources				
(Street) WILMINGTON DE 19880  (City) (State) (Zip)				4	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
1. Title of S	Security (Ins		ole I - Non-E	Derivati Transactio		curities 2A. Deem		quired, D	-	of, or Be		y Owned		6. Ownership	7. Nature		
Date				ate Ionth/Day/	Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea		, Transacti Code (Ins	on Dispose		Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		ally (	orm: Direct O) or Indirect ) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
							Code	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)		(Instr. 4)			
		•	Table II - De (e.					uired, Dis s, options				Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Date (Month/Day/Year) if	3A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Ye	Code	saction (Instr.			6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	of Securit Underlyin Derivative	Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security Unstr. 3 and 4)		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction( (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$3.11	01/27/2009		A		13,531		(1)	01/26/2016	Common Stock	13,531	\$0	13,531	D			
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$3.11	01/27/2009		A		86,469		(1)	01/26/2016	Common Stock	86,469	\$0	86,469	D			

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Option begins vesting on grant date in 25 installments, the first 33.33% vesting on the one year anniversary of the grant date and the remaining 66.67% vesting in equal monthly installments during the two year period thereafter. Vesting may be accelerated and exercise term may be extended upon occurence of certain events.

> /s/ Paula Swain 01/29/2009

\*\* 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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