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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>FRIEDMAN PAUL A</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>3160 PORTER DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>PALO ALTO CA 94304</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>INCYTE CORP [INCY]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Executive Officer</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/27/2004</u> | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |

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 | | | | |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$8.64 | 02/27/2004 | | A | | 30,441 | | (1) | 02/27/2014 | Common Stock | 30,441 | \$0 | 30,441 | D | |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$8.64 | 02/27/2004 | | A | | 1,875 | | (1) | 02/27/2014 | Common Stock | 1,875 | \$0 | 32,316 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$8.64 | 02/27/2004 | | A | | 144,559 | | (1) | 02/27/2014 | Common Stock | 144,559 | \$0 | 144,559 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$8.64 | 02/27/2004 | | A | | 43,125 | | (1) | 02/27/2014 | Common Stock | 43,125 | \$0 | 187,684 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Option begins vesting on the grant date in 37 installments, with the first vesting after one year and the remaining vestings monthly over three years. Vesting may be accelerated and exercise term may be extended upon occurrence of certain events.

Paul A Friedman 02/27/2004
 ** 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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