

FORM 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
VIETS HERMANN		ASTRO MED INC /NEW/ [ALOT]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)		<input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
C/O GEHL CO, 143 WATER ST			12/22/2008		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
W BEND, WI 53095					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)					<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. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/22/2008		M		1375	A	\$4.2727	179231	I	See footnote (1)

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Stock Option (Right to purchase)	\$4.2727	12/22/2008		M		1375	7/4/1999	1/4/2009	Common Stock	1375	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The reporting person beneficially owns 179,231 shares of the issuer's common stock of which (i) 96,388 shares are held directly by the reporting person, (ii) 82,500 shares are held jointly by the reporting person with the reporting person's spouse and (iii) 343 shares are held in a custodial account.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VIETS HERMANN C/O GEHL CO 143 WATER ST W BEND, WI 53095	X			

Signatures

Margaret D. Farrell (Attorney-in-fact for Hermann Viets)

12/23/2008

** 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).

** 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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