

# SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS INC

Reported by  
**IBARGUEN ANTHONY**

## FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| Telephone   | 6102930600                                       |
| CIK         | 0000086115                                       |
| Symbol      | SFE  |
| SIC Code    | 6799 - Investors, Not Elsewhere Classified       |
| Industry    | Misc. Financial Services                         |
| Sector      | Financial  |
| Fiscal Year | 12/31  |

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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)                          |  |  |
| <b>IBARGUEN ANTHONY</b>                                 |         |          | <b>SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS INC</b>                  |  |  | _____ Director _____ 10% Owner   |  |  |
| (Last)  | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)      |  |  | ___ X ___ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)                                 |  |  |
| <b>800 THE SAFEGUARD BUILDING, 435 DEVON PARK DRIVE</b> |         |          | <b>1/12/2004</b>                                  |  |  | <b>Managing Director</b>   |  |  |
| (Street)  |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)                                      |  |  |
| <b>WAYNE, PA 19087-1945</b>                             |         |          |   |  |  | ___ X ___ Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |
| (City)  |         |          | (State)   |  |  | (Zip)  |  |  |

**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) |   |  |   |

**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 | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |   |  |  |
| Deferred Stock Units (right to buy) 2004 | \$0  | 1/12/2004      |                                   | A                         | V | 150000   |     | (I)                                     | (I)             | Common Stock  | 150000                     | \$0  | 150000  | D  |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) The deferred stock units are payable in stock, on a one-for-one basis. The deferred stock units vest as follows: (i) 50% of the units vest on the fifth anniversary of the grant, subject to acceleration of vesting upon the achievement of certain performance criteria established by the Compensation Committee; and (ii) the remaining 50% of the units vest 25% on the first anniversary of the grant and in equal monthly installments on the first day of each month during the three-year period thereafter. Distributions in respect of the deferred stock units will be made after vesting at times established in accordance with the 1999 Equity Compensation Plan.

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| <b>IBARGUEN ANTHONY</b><br><b>800 THE SAFEGUARD BUILDING</b><br><b>435 DEVON PARK DRIVE</b> |               |           | <b>Managing Director</b> |       |

**Signatures**

**By: DEIRDRE BLACKBURN For: Anthony A. Ibarguen**

**1/14/2004**

\*\* 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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## **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of N. Jeffrey Klauder and Deirdre Blackburn, signing singly, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 4 or 5 and timely file such form with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in Company orney-in-fact. For all purposes, a photocopy or other reproduction of this Power of Attorney shall be deemed to be an original, and any person or entity shall be entitled to rely on any such reproduction of this Power of Attorney as if it were an original.

The undersigned has executed this Power of Attorney this 13th day of September, 2002.

**ANTHONY A. IBARGUEN**  
[signature]

Anthony A. Ibarguen  
Name [please print]

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