

CANAKES STEVEN P  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CANAKES STEVEN P

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
5850 OPUS PARKWAY, SUITE 300  
(Street)

MINNETONKA, MN 55343

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
VITAL IMAGES INC [VTAL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/14/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Exec VP - Global Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (D)                                                      | Price                                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 09/14/2010                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 20,000                                                                                        | A                                                        | \$ 9.6                                                |
| Common Stock                    | 09/14/2010                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 18,600                                                                                        | D                                                        | \$ 12.6283                                            |
| Common Stock                    | 09/14/2010                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 1,400                                                                                         | D                                                        | \$ 12.7007                                            |

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 9.6                                                 | 09/14/2010                           |                                                    | M                              | 20,000                                                                                  | <u>(1)</u>                                               | 02/06/2011                                                    | Common Stock | 20,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                             | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|                                                                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| CANAKES STEVEN P<br>5850 OPUS PARKWAY<br>SUITE 300<br>MINNETONKA, MN 55343 |               |           | Exec VP - Global Sales |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Steven P.  
Canakes

09/16/2010

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).

- (1) Original grant of 20,000 vested as to 28% on February 6, 2004 and 2% per month until fully vested.
- (2) In addition, Mr Canakes has other options totaling 78,100 at various prices and expiration dates.

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