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FORM 4

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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 *
Mortensen Eric R.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CYTOSORBENTS CORPORATION, 7 DEER PARK DRIVE, SUITE K

(Street)

MONMOUTH JUNCTION, NJ 08852

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Cytosorbents Corp [CTSO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/15/2018

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)
Chief Medical Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 03/15/2018 | | A | (A) or (D) V Amount Price 20,000 (1) A \$ 0 | 36,500 (2) | D | |

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)

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| 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 7.9 | 03/15/2018 | | A | 80,000 | (3) 03/15/2028 | Common Stock | 80,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Mortensen Eric R. C/O CYTOSORBENTS CORPORATION 7 DEER PARK DRIVE, SUITE K MONMOUTH JUNCTION, NJ 08852 | | | Chief Medical Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Eric R. Mortensen 03/20/2018

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) These shares represent restricted stock units ("RSUs") that will be settled into common stock upon vesting upon a "Change In Control" of CytoSorbents Corporation (the "Company"), as defined in the CytoSorbents Corporation 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Includes (i) 20,000 RSUs granted on March 15, 2018 and reported on this Form 4, (ii) 14,000 RSUs granted on February 28, 2018, and subject to vesting as to one-third of the award on each of the date of grant, the first anniversary of the date of grant, and the second anniversary of the date of grant, subject to the reporting person's continued service as of the applicable vesting date, and that will be settled into common stock upon vesting, and (iii) 2,500 shares of common stock owned by the reporting person.
- (3) Such options were granted pursuant to the Plan, and shall vest upon achievement of certain performance goals as determined in the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Company.

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