

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEMS INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â EASTON CAPITAL PARTNERS L P | | | (Month/Day/Year) | CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEMS INC [CSII] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 12/29/2008 | | |
| 641 LEXINGTON AVE | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | | |
| NEW YORK, Â NY Â 10022 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | 5. If Amendment, Date 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 Beneficially Owned

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|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares | | | |

(Instr. 5)

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|-------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---|--|
| Series A Conv Preferred Stock | Â (1) | Â (1) | Common Stock | 616,197 | \$ (1) | D | Â |
| Warrant | 07/19/2006 | 07/19/2011 | Series A Conv Preferred Stock | 87,499 | \$ 5.71 | D | Â |
| Series A Conv Preferred Stock | Â (1) | Â (1) | Common Stock | 616,197 | \$ (1) | I | Held by Easton Hunt Capital Partners, L.P. |
| Warrant | 07/19/2006 | 07/19/2011 | Series A Conv Preferred Stock | 87,499 | \$ 5.71 | I | Held by Easton Hunt Capital Partners, L.P. |
| Warrant | 09/12/2008 | 09/12/2013 | Common Stock | 166,667 | \$ 6 | I | Held by Easton Hunt Capital Partners, L.P. |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| EASTON CAPITAL PARTNERS L P 641 LEXINGTON AVE NEW YORK, NY 10022 | Â | Â X | Â | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Carlye S. Landin as Attorney-in-Fact for Easton Capital Partners LP pursuant to Power of Attorney filed herewith.

12/29/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Each share of Series A convertible preferred stock is convertible at any time, at the holder's election, into 1.01 shares of common stock and has no expiration date.

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