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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SAXE JON S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

DURECT CORP [DRRX]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(Middle) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O DURECT CORP, 10240 BUBB

(Street)

ROAD

below)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

06/22/2005

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

7. Nature of 6. Ownership Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Ar Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title Date Non-Qualified Common **Stock Option** \$ 4.43 06/22/2005 A 12,000 06/22/2006(1) 06/22/2015 Stock (right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SAXE JON S				
C/O DURECT CORP	v			
10240 BUBB ROAD	X			
CUPERTINO, CA 95014				

Signatures

Jon S. Saxe 06/23/2005

**Signature of 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) 100% of the total shares of this Grant Dated June 22, 2005 shall vest on the one year anniversary of the Grant Date.

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