MERGE HEALTHCARE Inc

Form 4

December 30, 2008

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Merrick RIS, LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

MERGE HEALTHCARE Inc

[MRGE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

12/26/2008

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

X 10% Owner Other (specify

233 NORTH MICHIGAN **AVENUE, SUITE 2330**

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Person

CHICAGO, IL 60601

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

(State)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Ownership Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common 12/26/2008 Stock

P 5,900

27,902,337 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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)			ate	7. Title Amoun Under	int of lying ities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
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					4, and 3)				Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Treporting Control Common Control	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Merrick RIS, LLC 233 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE SUITE 2330 CHICAGO, IL 60601	X	X				
FERRO MICHAEL W JR 233 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 2330 CHICAGO, IL 60601	X	X				

Signatures

Julie Ann B. Schumitsch, by Power of Attorney for Merrick RIS, LLC				
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date			
Julie Ann B. Schumitsch, by Power of Attorney for Michael W. Ferro, Jr.	12/30/2008			
**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).

Remarks:

The reporting persons are Merrick RIS, LLC ("Merrick"), a Delaware limited liability company, and Michael W. Ferro, Jr. ("Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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