FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] SHALLISH ROBERT D JR | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CONMED CORP</u> [CNMD] | | tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | |
|--|---------|---------------------|--|-------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CONMED CORP | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2008 | x | Officer (give title below) Vice President Fin | Other (specify below) | |
| 525 FRENC | HROAD | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv Line) | vidual or Joint/Group Fil | ng (Check Applicable | |
| (Street) | | | | X | Form filed by One Re | porting Person | |
| UTICA | NY | 13502-5994 | | | Form filed by More the Person | an One Reporting | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | |
| | | Table I - Non-Deriv | vative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Bene | ficially | Owned | | |

| 4 Title of Committe (lands 2) | 2. Transaction | tion 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or | | d (A) ar | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------|---|--|--|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | Date | Execution Date, if any | 5. Transac Code (Ir 8) | | Disposed Of and 5) | | | Securities Beneficially Owned | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| common stock | 09/30/2008 | 10/01/2008 | A | | 64 | Α | \$30.4 | 14,439 | D | |

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. Transact Code (In 8) | | 5. Nu of Deriv Secur Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5 | vative rities ired r osed) . 3, 4 | 6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/ | ate | Amour Securi Underl Deriva | nt of ties ying tive ty (Instr. | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Heather L. Cohen for Robert D. Shallish, Jr. by Power of

10/02/2008

Attorney

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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