

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SCHWARTZ STUART J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>7960 SANDHILL COURT</u> (Street) <u>WEST PALM BEACH</u> <u>FL</u> <u>33412</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CONMED CORP [CNMD]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ☒ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/01/2012</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/01/2012		M		1,000	A	\$16.46	4,000	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2012		F		549	D	\$29.99	3,451	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2012		M		1,000	A	\$19.26	4,451	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2012		F		643	D	\$29.99	3,808	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. 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		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				
Sars (Stock Appreciation Rights)	\$16.46	03/01/2012		M			1,000	(1)	06/01/2019	Common Stock	1,000	\$0	1,500	D	
Sars (Stock Appreciation Rights)	\$19.26	03/01/2012		M			1,000	06/01/2011	06/01/2020 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	1,000	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The stock appreciation rights ("SARs") were granted under the Company's 2007 Non-Employee Director Equity Compensation Plan, with the SARs generally vesting 20% per year over a five year period, with any unvested SARs to vest upon the Director's termination of service provided the Director has completed one full year of service since the date of the award in which case the SARs shall be exercisable at any time prior to the expiration date of the SAR or within one year after the date of such termination, whichever period is shorter.

2. The stock appreciation rights ("SARs") were granted under the Company's 2007 Amended and Restated Non-Employee Director Equity Compensation Plan, with the SARs generally vesting 100% after a one year period.

Daniel S. Jonas for Stuart J.
Schwartz by Power of
Attorney

03/05/2012

** 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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