FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] MANDIA STEPHEN						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CONMED CORP</u> [CNMD]										ck all ap	,	ng Pers	on(s) to I		
(Last)	`	rst) (3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2004									Offic	Director Officer (give title below)			(specify				
1715 SHERMAN DRIVE						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicab					
(Street)																, K Form	, , ,				
UTICA	ITICA NY 13501															Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(Si	ate) (Zip)																		
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature																					
Date				Date	. Transaction Pate Month/Day/Year)			2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year			ion str.			ties Acquired (A) Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		Secur	ities icially d		Direct ct (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
										Code	v	Amou	nt (A	.) or))	Price	Repo Trans		(insu.	4)	(1150.4)	
Common Stock																3,750		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)		ion Number			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		o D S (I	Price f erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ow Fo Dir or (I) 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Dat Exe	te ercisable	Exp Dat	iration	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	ber						
Options to purchase common stock	\$25.35	05/19/2004			A			4,500	05	5/19/2005	05/1	19/2014	Commor Stock	4,5	00	\$ <mark>0</mark>	9,000		D		

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Stephen M. Mandia

<u>05/19/2004</u>

** 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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