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 [*] Murray David R						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CONMED CORP</u> [CNMD]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
(Last) 504 PRC	(F OVIDENCE	irst) (DRIVE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/16/2004								X	Office below	er (give title		Other (specify below)			
(Street) CASTLE ROCK CO 80108 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Deriv						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) Date (Month/Day						Exe if a	Deemec ecution I ny onth/Day	Date,	Transaction Dispos Code (Instr. and 5)			rities Acq ed Of (D) (5. Amo Securit Benefic Owned Follow	ies cially	Fori (D) (Indi	m: Direct or rect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amoun	t (A) or P		ce	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)		(1150.4)	
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)	Execution Date, if any		4. Transact Code (In 8)	ion of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		of De Se (In	Price erivative curity istr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	у	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership		
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		piration ate	Title	Amour or Numbe of Shares	r						
Options to Purchase Common Stock	\$22.29	08/16/2004			A		20,000		08/16/2005	08	:/16/2015	Common Stock	20,00	0	\$0	20,000		D		

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ David R. Murray

08/24/2004

** 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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