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]									(Che	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last)		rst) (- 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2005									1	-	er (give title			(specify			
1715 SH	4. If A	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)									
(Street)																	Form filed by One Reporting Person				
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(City)	(S	tate) (
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day						Exe if a	A. Deemed xecution Date, any Month/Day/Year)		,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr. and 5)			Secur	ficially d	Forn (D) o	rect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
										Code	v	Amou	nt (A) or (D) F		Price	Repo Trans	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		u. 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)	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)		0 [] [] []	. Price f erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	0 F D (1	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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Options to purchase common stock	\$31.4	05/17/2005			A		4,500		05/	;/17/2006	05/1	17/2015	Commo Stock	ⁿ 4,5	500	\$ 0	9,000		D		

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Stephen M. Mandia

<u>05/19/2005</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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