CANAKES STEVEN P

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CANAKES STEVEN P | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VITAL IMAGES INC [VTAL] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|--|------------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check an applicable) | | |
| 5850 OPUS PA | ARKWAY, | SUITE | (Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2006 | Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Exec VP - Global Sales | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| MINNETONK | (A, MN 553 | 343 | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) (Z | Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ities Acc | quired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------|---|---|------------------|------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 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 | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common stock (1) | 01/18/2006 | | M | 4,318 | A | \$ 4.75 | 10,318 | D | |
| Common stock (1) | 01/18/2006 | | S | 4,318 | D | \$ 28 | 6,000 | D | |
| Common stock (1) | 01/19/2006 | | M | 682 | A | \$ 4.75 | 6,682 | D | |
| Common stock (1) | 01/19/2006 | | S | 682 | D | \$ 28 | 6,000 | D | |

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

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---------|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee stock option (right to buy) (1) | \$ 4.75 | 01/18/2006 | | M | 4,318 | (2) | 05/12/2007 | Common stock | 4,318 |
| Employee stock option (right to buy) (1) | \$ 4.75 | 01/19/2006 | | M | 682 | (2) | 05/12/2007 | Common stock | 682 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| | |

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CANAKES STEVEN P 5850 OPUS PARKWAY SUITE 300 MINNETONKA, MN 55343

Exec VP - Global Sales

Signatures

Steven P
Canakes
01/20/2006

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Transaction made pursuant to plan adopted under Rule 10b5-1.
- (2) Vested as to 28% on May 12, 2000 and as to 2% monthly thereafter, until fully vested on May 12, 2003.
- (3) In addition, Mr. Canakes has other options totaling 103,000 at various prices and expiration dates.

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