

SURMODICS INC
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November 17, 2010

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

SCHEDULE 13D
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO
§ 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No.)1

SurModics, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.05 Par Value
(Title of Class of Securities)

868873100
(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

November 11, 2010
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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1 The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

RAMIUS VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY MASTER FUND LTD

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) x
GROUP (b) o

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS ..
IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

CAYMAN ISLANDS

NUMBER OF SHARES	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8	1,566,567 SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	9	- 0 - SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	1,566,567 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,566,567

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) o
EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

9.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

CO

CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

COWEN OVERSEAS INVESTMENT LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

CAYMAN ISLANDS

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		522,193
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		522,193
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

522,193

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

3.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

RAMIUS ADVISORS, LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		522,193
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		522,193
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

522,193

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

3.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

RAMIUS VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY ADVISORS LLC

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3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		1,566,567
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		1,566,567
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		2,088,760
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		2,088,760
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,088,760

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12.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

COWEN GROUP, INC.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
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	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		2,088,760
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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

12.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

CO

CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

RCG HOLDINGS LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		2,088,760
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		2,088,760
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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

C4S & CO., L.L.C.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		2,088,760
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		2,088,760
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

PETER A. COHEN

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
	8	- 0 - SHARED VOTING POWER
	9	2,088,760 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	- 0 - SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		2,088,760

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

12.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

MORGAN B. STARK

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		2,088,760
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		2,088,760

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

12.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

JEFFREY M. SOLOMON

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		2,088,760
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		2,088,760

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

12.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

THOMAS W. STRAUSS

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		2,088,760
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		2,088,760

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

12.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

DAVID DANTZKER, M.D.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

- 0 -1

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

1 See Item 5.

CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

JEFFREY A. MECKLER

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

- 0 -1

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

1 See Item 5.

CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

JEFFREY C. SMITH

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

- 0 -1

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

1 See Item 5.

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The following constitutes the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned (the "Schedule 13D").

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This statement relates to the Common Stock, par value \$0.05 per share (the "Shares"), of SurModics, Inc. (the "Issuer"). The address of the principal executive offices of the Issuer is 9924 West 74th Street, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

(a) This statement is filed by:

- (i) Ramius Value and Opportunity Master Fund Ltd, a Cayman Islands exempted company ("Value and Opportunity Master Fund"), with respect to the Shares directly and beneficially owned by it;
- (ii) Cowen Overseas Investment LP, a Cayman Islands limited partnership ("COIL"), with respect to the Shares directly and beneficially owned by it;
- (iii) Ramius Advisors, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Ramius Advisors"), that serves as the general partner of COIL;
- (iv) Ramius Value and Opportunity Advisors LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Value and Opportunity Advisors"), that serves as the investment manager of Value and Opportunity Master Fund;
- (v) Ramius LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Ramius"), that serves as the sole member of each of Value and Opportunity Advisors and Ramius Advisors;
 - (vi) Cowen Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Cowen"), that serves as the sole member of Ramius;
- (vii) RCG Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("RCG Holdings"), that is a significant shareholder of Cowen;
- (viii) C4S & Co., L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("C4S"), that serves as managing member of RCG Holdings;
 - (ix) Peter A. Cohen, who serves as one of the managing members of C4S;
 - (x) Morgan B. Stark, who serves as one of the managing members of C4S;
 - (xi) Thomas W. Strauss, who serves as one of the managing members of C4S;
 - (xii) Jeffrey M. Solomon, who serves as one of the managing members of C4S;
 - (xiii) David Dantzker, M.D., who is a nominee for the Board of Directors;
 - (xiv) Jeffrey A. Meckler, who is a nominee for the Board of Directors; and
 - (xv) Jeffrey C. Smith, who is a nominee for the Board of Directors.

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Each of the foregoing is referred to as a “Reporting Person” and collectively as the “Reporting Persons.” Each of the Reporting Persons is party to that certain Joint Filing and Solicitation Agreement, as further described in Item 6. Accordingly, the Reporting Persons are hereby filing a joint Schedule 13D.

(b) The address of the principal office of each of Ramius Advisors, Value and Opportunity Advisors, Ramius, Cowen, RCG Holdings, C4S and Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Strauss, Solomon and Smith is 599 Lexington Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, New York 10022. The principal business address of Dr. Dantzker is c/o Wheatley Partners, L.P., 80 Cuttermill Road, Great Neck, New York 11021. The principal business address of Mr. Meckler is c/o The Andra Group, LLC, 740 Broadway, 9th Floor, New York, New York 10003.

The address of the principal office of each of Value and Opportunity Master Fund and COIL is c/o Citco Fund Services (Cayman Islands) Limited, Regatta Office Park, Windward 1, 2nd Floor, PO Box 31106, Grand Cayman KY1-1205, Cayman Islands. The officers and directors of each of Value and Opportunity Master Fund and Cowen and their principal occupations and business addresses are set forth on Schedule A and are incorporated by reference in this Item 2.

(c) The principal business of each of Value and Opportunity Master Fund and COIL is serving as a private investment fund. Value and Opportunity Master Fund has been formed for the purpose of making equity investments and, on occasion, taking an active role in the management of portfolio companies in order to enhance shareholder value. COIL has been formed for the purpose of making equity and debt investments. The principal business of Value and Opportunity Advisors is acting as the investment manager of Value and Opportunity Master Fund. The principal business of Ramius Advisors is acting as the general partner of COIL. Ramius is engaged in money management and investment advisory services for third parties and proprietary accounts and serves as the sole member of each of Value and Opportunity Advisors and Ramius Advisors. Cowen provides alternative investment management, investment banking, research, and sales and trading services through its business units, Ramius and Cowen and Company. Cowen also serves as the sole member of Ramius. RCG Holdings is a significant shareholder of Cowen. C4S serves as managing member of RCG Holdings. Messrs. Cohen, Strauss, Stark and Solomon serve as co-managing members of C4S. Mr. Smith is a Partner Managing Director of Ramius and the Chief Investment Officer of Value and Opportunity Master Fund. Dr. Dantzker is a Partner at Wheatley Partners L.P. and Mr. Meckler is a Managing Director of the Andra Group, LLC.

(d) No Reporting Person, nor any person listed on Schedule A, annexed hereto, has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) No Reporting Person, nor any person listed on Schedule A, annexed hereto, has, during the last five years, been party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Strauss, Solomon, Smith and Meckler and Dr. Dantzker are citizens of the United States of America. The citizenship of the persons listed on Schedule A is set forth therein.

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Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

The Shares purchased by Value and Opportunity Master Fund and COIL were purchased with working capital (which may, at any given time, include margin loans made by brokerage firms in the ordinary course of business) in open market purchases, as set forth in Schedule B, which is incorporated by reference herein. The aggregate purchase cost of the 2,088,760 Shares beneficially owned in the aggregate by Value and Opportunity Master Fund and COIL is approximately \$20,271,807, excluding brokerage commissions.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

The Reporting Persons originally purchased the Shares based on the Reporting Persons' belief that the Shares, when purchased, were undervalued and represented an attractive investment opportunity. Depending upon overall market conditions, other investment opportunities available to the Reporting Persons, and the availability of Shares at prices that would make the purchase or sale of Shares desirable, the Reporting Persons may endeavor to increase or decrease their position in the Issuer through, among other things, the purchase or sale of Shares on the open market or in private transactions or otherwise, on such terms and at such times as the Reporting Persons may deem advisable.

On November 10, 2010, Value and Opportunity Master Fund delivered a letter to the Issuer (the "Nomination Letter") nominating Dr. Dantzker and Messrs. Meckler and Smith (the "Nominees"), as set forth therein, and announcing its intention to solicit proxies for their election to the Issuer's Board of Directors (the "Board") at the Issuer's 2011 annual meeting of shareholders, or any other meeting of shareholders held in lieu thereof, and any adjournments, postponements, reschedulings or continuations thereof (the "2011 Annual Meeting"). The Reporting Persons intend to engage in discussions with management and the Board of the Issuer regarding the nomination of directors at the 2011 Annual Meeting and the composition of the Issuer's Board generally.

On November 17, 2010, Value and Opportunity Advisors delivered a letter to the Board expressing its disappointment and concern regarding the long-term underperformance of the Issuer's business and stock price. In the letter, Value and Opportunity Advisors stated that a reconstituted Board, mutually agreeable to the Issuer and the Reporting Persons, is in the best interest of shareholders and necessary for determining the right strategic direction for the Issuer and the right path forward to improve shareholder value. The letter further urged the Board to consider the Reporting Persons' highly qualified Nominees, who have the necessary experience and desire to assist the Company in promptly determining the appropriate strategy to address the long-term underperformance of the Issuer's business and stock price. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

No Reporting Person has any present plan or proposal which would relate to or result in any of the matters set forth in subparagraphs (a) - (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D except as set forth herein or such as would occur upon completion of any of the actions discussed herein. The Reporting Persons intend to review their investment in the Issuer on a continuing basis. Depending on various factors including, without limitation, the Issuer's financial position and investment strategy, the price levels of the Shares, conditions in the securities markets and general economic and industry conditions, the Reporting Persons may in the future take such actions with respect to their investment in the Issuer as they deem appropriate including, without limitation, communications with management and the Board of the Issuer, engaging in discussions with third parties about the Issuer and the Reporting Persons' investment, making proposals to the Issuer concerning changes to the capitalization, ownership structure or operations of the Issuer, purchasing additional Shares, selling some or all of their Shares, engaging in short selling of or any hedging or similar transaction with respect to the Shares, or changing their intention with respect to any and all matters referred to in Item 4.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each person named herein is based upon 17,409,044 Shares outstanding, as of August 2, 2010, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as reported in the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 6, 2010.

A. Value and Opportunity Master Fund

(a) As of the close of business on November 16, 2010, Value and Opportunity Master Fund beneficially owned 1,566,567 Shares.

Percentage: Approximately 9.0%.

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- (b)
 - 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,566,567
 - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,566,567
 - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) The transactions in the Shares by Value and Opportunity Master Fund during the past 60 days are set forth in Schedule B and are incorporated herein by reference.

B. COIL

- (a) As of the close of business on November 16, 2010, COIL beneficially owned 522,193 Shares.

Percentage: Approximately 3.0%.

- (b)
 - 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 522,193
 - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 522,193
 - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) The transactions in the Shares by COIL during the past 60 days are set forth in Schedule B and are incorporated herein by reference.

C. Ramius Advisors

- (a) Ramius Advisors, as the general partner of COIL, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 522,193 Shares owned by COIL.

Percentage: Approximately 3.0%.

- (b)
 - 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 522,193
 - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 522,193
 - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Ramius Advisors has not entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days. The transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days on behalf of COIL are set forth in Schedule B and are incorporated herein by reference.

D. Value and Opportunity Advisors

- (a) Value and Opportunity Advisors, as the investment manager of Value and Opportunity Master Fund, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 1,566,567 Shares owned by Value and Opportunity Master Fund.

Percentage: Approximately 9.0%.

- (b)
 - 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,566,567
 - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,566,567

4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

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(c) Value and Opportunity Advisors has not entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days. The transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days on behalf of Value and Opportunity Master Fund are set forth on Schedule B and incorporated herein by reference.

E. Ramius

(a) Ramius, as the sole member of each of Value and Opportunity Advisors and Ramius Advisors, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,566,567 Shares owned by Value and Opportunity Master Fund and (ii) 522,193 Shares owned by COIL.

Percentage: Approximately 12.0%.

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 2,088,760
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 2,088,760
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Ramius has not entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days. The transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days on behalf of Value and Opportunity Master Fund and COIL are set forth on Schedule B and incorporated herein by reference.

F. Cowen

(a) Cowen, as the sole member of Ramius, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,566,567 Shares owned by Value and Opportunity Master Fund and (ii) 522,193 Shares owned by COIL.

Percentage: Approximately 12.0%.

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 2,088,760
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 2,088,760
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Cowen has not entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days. The transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days on behalf of Value and Opportunity Master Fund and COIL are set forth on Schedule B and incorporated herein by reference.

G. RCG Holdings

(a) RCG Holdings, as a significant shareholder of Cowen, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,566,567 Shares owned by Value and Opportunity Master Fund and (ii) 522,193 Shares owned by COIL.

Percentage: Approximately 12.0%.

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 2,088,760
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 2,088,760
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

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(c)RCG Holdings has not entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days. The transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days on behalf of Value and Opportunity Master Fund and COIL are set forth on Schedule B and incorporated herein by reference.

H. C4S

(a)C4S, as the managing member of RCG Holdings, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,566,567 Shares owned by Value and Opportunity Master Fund and (ii) 522,193 Shares owned by COIL.

Percentage: Approximately 12.0%.

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 2,088,760
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 2,088,760
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c)C4S has not entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days. The transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days on behalf of Value and Opportunity Master Fund and COIL are set forth on Schedule B and incorporated herein by reference.

I. Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Strauss and Solomon

(a)Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Strauss and Solomon, as the managing members of C4S, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,566,567 Shares owned by Value and Opportunity Master Fund and (ii) 522,193 Shares owned by COIL.

Percentage: Approximately 12.0%.

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 2,088,760
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 2,088,760

(c)None of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Strauss or Solomon has entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days. The transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days on behalf of Value and Opportunity Master Fund and COIL are set forth on Schedule B and incorporated herein by reference.

J. Dr. Dantzker and Messrs. Meckler and Smith:

(a)As of the close of business on November 16, 2010, none of Dr. Dantzker and Messrs. Meckler and Smith directly owned any Shares. Each of Dr. Dantzker and Messrs. Meckler and Smith, as a member of a "group" with the other Reporting Persons for the purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,566,567 Shares owned by Value and Opportunity Master Fund and (ii) 522,193 Shares owned by COIL. Each of Dr. Dantzker and Messrs. Meckler and Smith disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares.

Percentage: 0%.

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- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) None of Dr. Dantzker and Messrs. Meckler and Smith has entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days. The transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days on behalf of Value and Opportunity Master Fund and COIL are set forth on Schedule B and incorporated herein by reference.

To the best of the Reporting Persons' knowledge, none of the persons listed on Schedule B, who are not also Reporting Persons, beneficially owns any securities of the Issuer.

- (d) No person other than the Reporting Persons is known to have the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, the Shares.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

On November 17, 2010, the Reporting Persons entered into a Joint Filing and Solicitation Agreement in which, among other things, (a) the Reporting Persons agreed to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of statements on Schedule 13D with respect to the securities of the Issuer, (b) the Reporting Persons agreed to solicit proxies or written consents for the election of the persons nominated by Value and Opportunity Master Fund to the Issuer's Board at the 2011 Annual Meeting (the "Solicitation"), and (c) Value and Opportunity Master Fund and COIL agreed to bear all expenses incurred in connection with the Solicitation, including approved expenses incurred by any of the parties in connection with the Solicitation, subject to certain limitations. A copy of this agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Pursuant to letter agreements, Value and Opportunity Master Fund has agreed to indemnify Dr. Dantzker and Mr. Meckler against any and all claims of any nature arising from the Solicitation and any related transactions. A form of the indemnification letter agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.4 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Value and Opportunity Master Fund has agreed to compensate Dr. Dantzker and Mr. Meckler for being named as and serving as nominees for election as directors of the Issuer pursuant to letter agreements (the "Compensation Letter Agreements"). Pursuant to the terms of the Compensation Letter Agreements, Value and Opportunity Master Fund has agreed to pay each of Dr. Dantzker and Mr. Meckler (i) \$10,000 in cash upon the submission of the Nomination Letter and (ii) \$10,000 in cash upon the filing of a definitive proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to a solicitation of proxies in favor of Dr. Dantzker's and Mr. Meckler's election as a director at the 2011 Annual Meeting. Pursuant to the Compensation Letter Agreements, each of Dr. Dantzker and Mr. Meckler agreed to use such compensation to acquire securities of the Issuer (the "Nominee Shares") at such time that Dr. Dantzker and Mr. Meckler shall determine, but in any event no later than 14 days after receipt of such compensation. If elected or appointed to serve as a director of the Board, each of Dr. Dantzker and Mr. Meckler agreed not to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any Nominee Shares within two years of their election or appointment as a director; provided, however, in the event that the Issuer enters into a business combination with a third party, each of Dr. Dantzker and Mr. Meckler may sell, transfer or exchange the Nominee Shares in accordance with the terms of such business combination. A form of the Compensation Letter Agreements is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.5 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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Other than as described herein, there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships among the Reporting Persons, or between the Reporting Persons and any other person, with respect to the securities of the Issuer.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

99.1 Letter to the Board of Directors of SurModics, Inc.

99.2 Joint Filing Agreement by and among Ramius Value and Opportunity Master Fund Ltd, Cowen Overseas Investment LP, Ramius Advisors, LLC, Ramius Value and Opportunity Advisors LLC, Ramius LLC, Cowen Group, Inc., RCG Holdings LLC, C4S & Co., L.L.C., Peter A. Cohen, Morgan B. Stark, Thomas W. Strauss, Jeffrey M. Solomon, David Dantzker, M.D., Jeffrey A. Meckler and Jeffrey C. Smith, dated November 17, 2010.

99.3 Power of Attorney for Peter A. Cohen, Morgan B. Stark, Thomas W. Strauss and Jeffrey M. Solomon, dated April 26, 2010.

99.4 Form of Indemnification Letter Agreement.

99.5 Form of Compensation Letter Agreement.

99.6 Powers of Attorney for David Dantzker, M.D., Jeffrey A. Meckler and Jeffrey C. Smith.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: November 17, 2010

RAMIUS VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY MASTER FUND LTD By: Ramius Value and Opportunity Advisors LLC, its investment manager	RAMIUS ADVISORS, LLC By: Ramius LLC, its sole member
COWEN OVERSEAS INVESTMENT LP By: Ramius Advisors, LLC, its general partner	RAMIUS LLC By: Cowen Group, Inc., its sole member
RAMIUS VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY ADVISORS LLC By: Ramius LLC, its sole member	COWEN GROUP, INC. RCG HOLDINGS LLC By: C4S & Co., L.L.C., its managing member C4S & CO., L.L.C.

By: /s/ Owen S. Littman
Name: Owen S. Littman
Title: Authorized Signatory

/s/ Owen S.
Littman
OWEN S.
LITTMAN
As
attorney-in-fact
for Jeffrey M.
Solomon,
Peter A. Cohen,
Morgan B.
Stark, Thomas
W.
Strauss, David
Dantzker, M.D.,
Jeffrey A.

Meckler and
Jeffrey C.
Smith

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SCHEDULE A

Directors and Officers of Ramius Value and Opportunity Master Fund Ltd

Name and Position	Principal Occupation	Principal Business Address	Citizenship
Owen S. Littman Director	General Counsel of Cowen Group, Inc.	599 Lexington Avenue 20th Floor New York, New York 10022	United States
Mark R. Mitchell Director	Partner Managing Director of Ramius LLC	599 Lexington Avenue 20th Floor New York, New York 10022	United States
CFS Company Ltd. Director	Nominee Company registered with Cayman Islands Monetary Authority and is affiliated with Administrator of the Fund	c/o Citco Fund Services (Cayman Islands) Limited Regatta Office Park Windward 1, 2nd Floor PO Box 31106 Grand Cayman KY1-1205 Cayman Islands	Cayman Islands
CSS Corporation Ltd. Secretary	Affiliate of the Administrator of the Fund	c/o Citco Fund Services (Cayman Islands) Limited Regatta Office Park Windward 1, 2nd Floor PO Box 31106 Grand Cayman KY1-1205 Cayman Islands	Cayman Islands

Directors and Officers of Cowen Group, Inc.

Name and Position	Principal Occupation	Principal Business Address	Citizenship
Peter A. Cohen Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	Chief Executive Officer of Cowen Group, Inc.	c/o Cowen Group, Inc. 599 Lexington Avenue 20th Floor New York, New York 10022	United States
Steven Kotler Director	Vice Chairman of Gilbert Global Equity Partners	c/o Cowen Group, Inc. 599 Lexington Avenue 20th Floor New York, New York 10022	United States
Jules B. Kroll Director	President of JEMKroll Group	c/o Cowen Group, Inc. 599 Lexington Avenue	United States

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David M. Malcolm
Director

Chairman of Cowen and
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Jerome S. Markowitz Director	Senior Partner at Conifer Securities LLC	c/o Cowen Group, Inc. 599 Lexington Avenue 20th Floor New York, New York 10022	United States
Jack H. Nusbaum Director	Chairman of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP	c/o Cowen Group, Inc. 599 Lexington Avenue 20th Floor New York, New York 10022	United States
Edoardo Spezzotti Director	Senior Executive Vice President of Unicredit Group	c/o Cowen Group, Inc. 599 Lexington Avenue 20th Floor New York, New York 10022	Italy
John E. Toffolon, Jr. Lead Director	Director, Westway Group, Inc.	c/o Cowen Group, Inc. 599 Lexington Avenue 20th Floor New York, New York 10022	United States
Christopher A. White Chief of Staff	Chief of Staff of Cowen Group, Inc.	c/o Cowen Group, Inc. 599 Lexington Avenue 20th Floor New York, New York 10022	United States
Joseph R. Wright Director	Senior Advisor to The Chart Group, L.P. and Director of Scientific Games Corporation	c/o Cowen Group, Inc. 599 Lexington Avenue 20th Floor New York, New York 10022	United States
Morgan B. Stark Member of Executive and Operating Committees	Chairman of Ramius LLC	c/o Cowen Group, Inc. 599 Lexington Avenue 20th Floor New York, New York 10022	United States
Thomas W. Strauss Member of Executive and Operating Committees	President of Ramius LLC	c/o Cowen Group, Inc. 599 Lexington Avenue 20th Floor New York, New York 10022	United States
Stephen A. Lasota Chief Financial Officer	Chief Financial Officer of Ramius LLC	c/o Cowen Group, Inc. 599 Lexington Avenue 20th Floor New York, New York 10022	United States
Jeffrey M. Solomon	Chief Operating Officer of Cowen Group, Inc.	c/o Cowen Group, Inc. 599 Lexington Avenue	United States

Chief Operating Officer,
Chief Strategy Officer,
Chairman of the Investment
Committee
and member of the
Operating Committee

20th Floor
New York, New York 10022

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SCHEDULE B

Transactions in the Shares During the Past 60 Days

Shares of Common Stock Purchased	Price Per Share(\$)	Date of Purchase
RAMIUS VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY MASTER FUND LTD		
11,250	11.0313	09/13/2010
7,500	10.8626	09/14/2010
11,250	10.7704	09/15/2010
10,425	10.8431	09/16/2010
4,575	11.1807	09/17/2010
3,682	10.9440	09/17/2010
18,750	11.3181	09/20/2010
7,568	11.2311	09/20/2010
75	11.7800	10/06/2010
3,181	11.8761	10/06/2010
22,500	11.8699	10/07/2010
1,264	11.8270	10/07/2010
4,092	11.8336	10/07/2010
637	11.8486	10/08/2010
4,500	11.8290	10/11/2010
23,001	11.8485	10/12/2010
11,400	12.2061	10/13/2010
10,425	12.2065	10/14/2010
12,675	12.3945	10/15/2010
12,525	12.6511	10/18/2010
2,850	12.5705	10/19/2010
375	9.9860	11/10/2010
37,500	9.8604	11/11/2010
34,800	9.2397	11/11/2010
551,925	9.3554	11/11/2010
75,000	8.8941	11/12/2010
31,875	8.6486	11/15/2010
18,750	8.5300	11/15/2010
12,225	8.5839	11/16/2010
432,495	8.5000	11/16/2010

COWEN OVERSEAS INVESTMENT LP

3,750	11.0313	09/13/2010
2,500	10.8626	09/14/2010
3,750	10.7704	09/15/2010
3,475	10.8431	09/16/2010
1,525	11.1807	09/17/2010
1,227	10.9440	09/17/2010

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6,250	11.3181	09/20/2010
2,523	11.2311	09/20/2010
25	11.7800	10/06/2010
1,061	11.8761	10/06/2010

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Shares of Common Stock Purchased	Price Per Share(\$)	Date of Purchase
7,500	11.8699	10/07/2010
421	11.8270	10/07/2010
1,364	11.8336	10/07/2010
212	11.8486	10/08/2010
1,500	11.8290	10/11/2010
7,667	11.8485	10/12/2010
3,800	12.2061	10/13/2010
3,475	12.2065	10/14/2010
4,225	12.3945	10/15/2010
4,175	12.6511	10/18/2010
950	12.5705	10/19/2010
125	9.9860	11/10/2010
12,500	9.8604	11/11/2010
11,600	9.2397	11/11/2010
183,975	9.3554	11/11/2010
25,000	8.8941	11/12/2010
10,625	8.6486	11/15/2010
6,250	8.5300	11/15/2010
4,075	8.5839	11/16/2010
144,165	8.5000	11/16/2010