

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ECKERT ULRICH</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 400 WOOD ROAD (Street) BRAINTREE MA 02184 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 08/15/2003	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HAEMONETICS CORP [HAE]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President, Europe & Latin Am	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	07/22/2008	Common Stock	4,000	15.1563	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	05/03/2009	Common Stock	10,000	15.875	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	04/18/2007	Common Stock	4,000	17	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	04/22/2006	Common Stock	2,000	18	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	10/21/2012	Common Stock	10,000	20.54	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	05/01/2010	Common Stock	9,000	22.9063	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	04/29/2012	Common Stock	10,000	31.66	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	04/30/2011	Common Stock	9,000	33.15	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Grant to reporting person of right to buy shares of common stock exercisable in annual increments of 25 percent beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

By: Ronald J. Ryan For: Ulrich Eckert 08/28/2003

** 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 5 (b)(v).

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