

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Fernando Anthony C. J.</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ASENSUS SURGICAL, INC. [ASXC]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President and CEO		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/22/2024			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		
C/O ASENSUS SURGICAL, INC. 1 TW ALEXANDER DRIVE, SUITE 160			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) DURHAM NC 27703								
(City) (State) (Zip)								

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)			4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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				
Common Stock	08/22/2024		D		2,611,203	D	(1)(2)	0	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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options ⁽³⁾	\$0.26	08/22/2024		D		1,488,100		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,488,100	\$0	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	\$0	08/22/2024		D		1,238,700		(5)	(5)	Common Stock	1,238,700	\$0	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	\$0	08/22/2024		D		250,000		(5)	(5)	Common Stock	250,000	\$0	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	\$0	08/22/2024		D		162,300		(5)	(5)	Common Stock	162,300	\$0	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	\$0	08/22/2024		D		2,477,400		(5)	(5)	Common Stock	2,477,400	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The reported securities were disposed of pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"), dated as of June 6, 2024, by and among Asensus Surgical, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Asensus"), KARL STORZ Endoscopy-America, Inc., a California corporation ("Parent"), and Karl Storz California Inc., a California corporation ("Merger Sub"), pursuant to which Merger Sub merged with and into Asensus with Asensus as the surviving corporation of the merger (the "Merger"). Upon the effective time of the Merger, the reporting person received \$0.35 in cash, without interest and less applicable withholding taxes for each share of common stock.
- The reported securities include 412,300 shares of common stock issued upon the acceleration and vesting of performance-based restricted stock units.
- Upon the closing of the Merger, these equity awards are cancelled and converted into the contingent right to receive a cash payment of \$0.09 per underlying share of common stock only upon satisfaction of all vesting conditions.
- Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents the right to receive one share of the Registrant's common stock.
- Upon the closing of the Merger, these equity awards are cancelled and converted into the contingent right to receive a cash payment of \$0.35 per underlying share of common stock only upon satisfaction of all vesting conditions.
- Each performance-based restricted stock unit ("PRSU") represents the right to acquire one share of the Registrant's common stock.

/s/ Joshua Weingard as attorney-in-fact for Anthony Fernando 08/22/2024

** 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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