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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  
WENDELL PETER C  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
SIERRA VENTURES, 1400 FASHION ISLAND BLVD. - SUITE 1010  
SAN MATEO, CA 94404

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Merck & Co., Inc. [ MRK ]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
_ _ X Director  
_ _ 10% Owner  
_ _ Officer (give title below)  
_ _ Other (specify below)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)  
9/29/2023

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
_X Form filed by One Reporting Person  
_ _ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

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<tr>
<th>Title of Security</th>
<th>Trans. Date (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>Trans. Code</th>
<th>Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)</th>
<th>Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<td>Common Stock</td>
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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<tr>
<th>Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Trans. Date (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>Trans. Code</th>
<th>Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)</th>
<th>Date Exercisable</th>
<th>Date Expiration Date</th>
<th>Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)</th>
<th>Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Phantom Stock</td>
<td></td>
<td>9/29/2023</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>1,000 (A)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>291.4036</td>
<td>$102.95D</td>
<td>122,580.9571 (D)</td>
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) 1-for-1
(2) Phantom stock units are to be settled 100% in cash upon reporting person's termination of service in accordance with a distribution schedule elected pursuant to the terms of the Plan for Deferred Payment of Directors' Compensation.
(3) Holdings include shares acquired in dividend reinvestment transactions.

Reporting Owners

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Signatures

/s/ Kelly E. W. Grez as Attorney-in-Fact for Peter C. Wendell  
10/3/2023

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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