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
SIERRA VENTURES, 1400 FASHION ISLAND BLVD. - SUITE 1010
SAN MATEO, CA 94404

2. Issuer and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Merck & Co., Inc. [ MRK ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

6/30/2021

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed


5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

__X__ Director

_____ 10% Owner

_____ Officer (give title below)

_____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing

_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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<th>Title of Security</th>
<th>Trans. Date</th>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Amount</th>
<th>Price</th>
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<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>6/30/2021</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>1000</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</th>
<th>Trans. Date</th>
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<th>Amount or Number of Shares</th>
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<td>Phantom Stock</td>
<td>6/30/2021</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>385.7529</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.

(4) Holdings reflect the adjustment that occurred as of June 2, 2021 in connection with the Organon spin-off as described in the registration statement on Form 10 filed with the SEC for Organon & Co. (the "Form 10"). As reported in the Form 10, each Merck phantom share outstanding under the Merck Deferred Compensation Plan as of immediately prior to the distribution date was converted on the distribution date into an adjusted Merck phantom share with the number of units represented by such award adjusted to preserve the aggregate value of the original Merck phantom shares as measured before and immediately after the distribution.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships
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WENDELL PETER C SIERRA VENTURES 1400 FASHION ISLAND BLVD. - SUITE 1010 SAN MATEO, CA 94404 | X

Signatures

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

7/2/2021

Signature of Reporting Person
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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