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
Romanelli Joseph

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)
4/30/2024

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner ☐ Officer ☐ Other (specify below)
President, Human Health Int’l

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

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<tr>
<th>Title of Security</th>
<th>Trans. Date</th>
<th>Trans. Code</th>
<th>Amount</th>
<th>Price</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>5/2/2024</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>2,262</td>
<td>$128.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>5/2/2024</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>1,115</td>
<td>$128.8</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>Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Trans. Date</th>
<th>Trans. Code</th>
<th>Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Stock Option (Right to Buy)</td>
<td>$129.22</td>
<td>4/30/2024</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>23,438</td>
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<tr>
<td>Restricted Stock Unit</td>
<td></td>
<td>5/2/2024</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>2,262</td>
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Explanation of Responses:

1. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Merck & Co., Inc. common stock.
2. These restricted stock units vest and are distributed as shares of Merck & Co., Inc. common stock in three equal installments on 4/30/2025, 4/30/2026 and 4/30/2027.
3. The option vests and becomes exercisable in three equal installments on 4/30/2025, 4/30/2026 and 4/30/2027.
4. These restricted stock units vest and are distributed as shares of Merck & Co., Inc. common stock in three equal installments on 5/2/2024, 5/2/2025 and 5/2/2026.

Reporting Owners

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<tr>
<th>Reporting Owner Name / Address</th>
<th>Relationship</th>
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<td>Romanelli Joseph</td>
<td>Director</td>
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Signatures

/s/ Kelly E. W. Grez, attorney-in-fact for Joseph Romanelli  5/2/2024

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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