

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>Kern Russell</b><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>C/O INTERNATIONAL STEM CELL CORPORATION</b><br><b>5950 PRIESTLY DRIVE</b><br><br>(Street)<br><b>CARLSBAD CA 92008</b><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>International Stem Cell CORP [ ISCO.OB ]</b> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><br><b>EVP and CSO</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>02/10/2017</b>                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                                                                                                      |

| 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 |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |

| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned<br>(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                                                        |                                      |                                                    |                                |   |                                                                                        |        |                                                          |                 |                                                                                   |                            |                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                           |                                                        |
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| 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) |
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|                                                                                                                                                 |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V | (A)                                                                                    | (D)    | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date | Title                                                                             | Amount or Number of Shares |                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                           |                                                        |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                                                                                                                     | \$1.09                                                 | 02/10/2017                           |                                                    | A                              |   |                                                                                        | 90,000 | (I)                                                      | 02/10/2027      | Common Stock                                                                      | 90,000                     | \$0                                        | 90,000                                                                                             | D                                                         |                                                        |

Explanation of Responses:

1. 3/36th of the shares underlying such options shall vest on May 10, 2017, and the remaining share in equal monthly installments over a period of 33 months.

/s/ Mahnaz Ebrahimi, Attorney-in-Fact 02/14/2017

\*\* 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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