FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addre	1 0	Person*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NeoStem, Inc. [NBS]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
<u>Smith Robin L</u>			<u> </u>	X	Director	10% Owner			
			— [x	Officer (give title	Other (specify			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		below)	below)			
C/O NEOSTEM, INC.			04/26/2012		Chairman of the Board and CEO				
420 LEXINGTO	ON AVENUE,	SUITE 450							
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable				
(Street)				Line)					
NEW YORK	NY	10170		X	Form filed by One Reporting Person				
					Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(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. Transa Code (8)					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽¹⁾	04/30/2012		A ⁽¹⁾		24,872	Α	\$0.36	1,509,553	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and . Title and Amount 8. Price of 9. Number of 11. Nature 3. Transaction 10. Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date Code (Instr. 8) Derivative Expiration Date of Securities Underlying Derivative derivative Ownership of Indirect Security (Instr. 3) or Exercise Price of Securities (Month/Day/Year) Securities Beneficially Form: Direct (D) Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Security (Instr. 5) Acquired (A) Derivative Security Ownership or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) Owned or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) ollowing Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) Amount Expiration Date Number Exercisable Code (A) (D) Date Title of Shares Commo Stock stock, Option \$0.36 04/26/2012 A⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ 402.62 (2)(3) 04/25/2022 402,627 (2)(3) 402.627 D par valu (Right to \$0.001 Buy)⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ per shar

Explanation of Responses:

1. On January 31, 2012, the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors approved an arrangement whereby the Reporting Person shall receive, at her option, her net pay for the pay period ending January 31, 2012 through the jasuarce to her by the Issuer of shares of the Issuer's common stock at the then-market price, under and subject to the terms and conditions of the Issuer's 2009 Equity Compensation Plan (the "Plan").

2. On April 26, 2012, the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors adopted a program (the "2012 Option Program") whereby each participating officer was issued on April 26, 2012 an option (the "Option") to purchase that number of shares of Common Stock equal to that portion of each Participating Officer's gross salary (the "Participating Salary") for the period May 1, 2012 - July 31, 2012 (the "Election Period") elected by the Participating Officer divided by \$.25, the Black-Scholes value of an Option issued under the 2012 Option Program. The Option, the issuance of which is in lieu of payment of the Participating Salary vests at the end of the month in which the Participating Salary to which it relates would have been paid and has a term of ten years despite any termination of employment of the Participating Officer.

3. The per share exercise price is \$.36, the closing price of the Common Stock on the date of the issuance of the Option. The Gross Participating Salary for all Participating Officers is \$181,309 and the total number of Options granted under the 2012 Option Program was 725,235. Dr. Smith's Participating Salary for the Election Period is her full salary. The Options were issued under the Plan.

<u>Robin L. Smith By: /s/</u> <u>Catherine M. Vaczy, Esq.,</u> <u>Attorney-in-Fact</u>

04/30/2012

** 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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