

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Preti Robert A</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NEOSTEM, INC. 420 LEXINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 450  (Street) NEW YORK NY 10170  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NeoStem, Inc. [ NBS ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) See Remarks
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/26/2012	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
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**

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 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$0.36	04/26/2012		A <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		55,000		<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	04/25/2022	Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share	55,000	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	55,000	D

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 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.
- 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. Preti's Participating Salary is 25% of the majority of his salary for a two-month period during the Election Period. The Options were issued under the Company's 2009 Equity Compensation Plan.

**Remarks:**

President of Progenitor Cell Therapy, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

Robert A. Preti By: /s/ Catherine M. Vaczy, Esq., Attorney-in-Fact      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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