



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

July 12, 2011

Via Facsimile

Michael J. Tokich
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
STERIS Corporation
5960 Heisley Road
Mentor, Ohio 44060-1834

Re: STERIS Corporation
Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2010
Filed May 28, 2010
File No. 1-14643

Dear Mr. Tokich:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kevin L. Vaughn

Kevin L. Vaughn
Accounting Branch Chief