

MERGE TECHNOLOGIES INC  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Bowers Gary Duane</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>6737 WEST WASHINGTON STREET,Â SUITE 2250</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>MILWAUKEE,Â WIÂ 53214</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>11/16/2006</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>MERGE TECHNOLOGIES INC [MRGE]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  (give title below) (specify below)                  Senior Vice President</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

<p>1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)</p>	<p>4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)</p>
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

<p>1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>Date Exercisable      Expiration Date</p>	<p>3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)</p> <p>Title      Amount or Number of Shares</p>	<p>4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</p>	<p>5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)</p>	<p>6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)</p>
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(Instr. 5)

Stock Options	Â (1)	09/05/2012	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 8.05	D	Â
Stock Options	Â (2)	11/16/2012	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 6.34	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bowers Gary Duane 6737 WEST WASHINGTON STREET SUITE 2250 MILWAUKEE, WI 53214	Â	Â	Â Senior Vice President	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Julie Ann B. Schumitsch, by Power of Attorney for Gary D. Bowers

11/20/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
- (1) Options to purchase 25,000 shares of Common Stock vesting on each of September 6, 2006, September 6, 2007, September 6, 2008 and September 6, 2009.
- (2) Options to purchase 6,250 shares of Common Stock vesting on each of November 17, 2007, November 17, 2008, November 17, 2009 and November 17, 2010.

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