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## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading NEIDORFF MICHAEL F Issuer Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify 7711 CARONDELET AVENUE 03/31/2008 below) below) Chairman, President and CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ST. LOUIS, MO 63105 Person (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 1,395,636 (1)

Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (2)	03/31/2008		A	1.633 (3)		03/31/2008	03/31/2008(4)	Common Stock	1.633
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.57						07/24/2007	07/24/2012	Common Stock	10,210
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.58						08/26/2008	08/26/2013	Common Stock	254,03
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.98						12/16/2006	12/16/2013	Common Stock	200,00
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.85						07/27/2007	07/27/2014	Common Stock	180,00
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.4						12/13/2008	12/13/2015	Common Stock	200,00
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.21						12/12/2009	12/12/2016	Common Stock	100,00

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NEIDORFF MICHAEL F 7711 CARONDELET AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

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Chairman, President and CEO

## **Signatures**

/s/ Eric R. Slusser (executed by attorney-in-fact)

04/01/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* 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).
- (1) Mr. Neidorff's ownership includes awards of 1,100,000 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the fair market value of one share of Centene common stock.
- (3) The phantom stock was acquired by Mr. Neidorff through a Company match within the Company's deferred compensation plan.
- (4) The phantom stock has no formal expiration date. The phantom stock will be settled in cash or other non-Company securities upon Mr. Neidorff's termination with the Company or on such other date Mr. Neidorff may elect.

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