

Sandifer Mark  
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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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

^ Sandifer Mark  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
08/10/2012

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BIOLIFE SOLUTIONS INC [BLFS]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
Chief Quality Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

C/O BIOLIFE SOLUTIONS, INC., ^ 3303 MONTE VILLA PARKWAY, #310

(Street)

BOTHELL, ^ WA ^ 98021

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Date Expiration Date

Title Amount or Number of

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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	11/05/2018	Common Stock	150,000	\$ 0.04	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (2)	02/05/2020	Common Stock	398,649	\$ 0.1	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (3)	02/11/2021	Common Stock	528,974	\$ 0.08	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (4)	02/15/2022	Common Stock	250,000	\$ 0.1	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (5)	08/17/2012	Common Stock	250,000	\$ 0.13	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sandifer Mark C/O BIOLIFE SOLUTIONS, INC. 3303 MONTE VILLA PARKWAY, #310 BOTHELL, WA 98021	Â	Â	Â Chief Quality Officer	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Mark Sandifer 08/17/2012

\*\*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) Exercisable in four equal annual installments commencing on 11/05/2009
- (2) Exercisable in four equal annual installments commencing on 02/05/2011
- (3) Exercisable in four equal installments commencing on 02/11/2012
- (4) Exercisable to the extent of 62,500 on 2/15/2013, and remaining balance exercisable to the extent of 1/36th thereof on the 15th day of each month commencing on 3/15/2013.
- (5) Exercisable to the extent of 62,500 on 8/10/2013, and remaining balance exercisable to the extent of 1/36th thereof on the 10th day of each month commencing on 9/10/2013.

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