

Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HASTINGS PAUL J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PACIRA
 PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 5
 SYLVAN WAY, SUITE 300

(Street)

PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
02/17/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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
Common Stock	02/17/2016		M ⁽¹⁾		2,000	A	\$ 13.98
Common Stock	02/17/2016		M ⁽¹⁾		1,000	A	\$ 10.81
Common Stock	02/17/2016		S ⁽¹⁾		3,000	D	\$ 60
					2,853	D	

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)

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.98	02/17/2016		M	2,000	⁽²⁾ 06/02/2021	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.81	02/17/2016		M	1,000	⁽³⁾ 06/04/2022	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HASTINGS PAUL J C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 5 SYLVAN WAY, SUITE 300 PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054	X			

Signatures

/s/ James Scibetta,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/22/2016

**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) The option exercise and sale reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the reporting person in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
 - (2) The stock options vested and became exercisable in 24 equal monthly installments beginning on July 2, 2011.

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(3) The stock options vested and became exercisable in twelve equal monthly installments beginning on July 5, 2012.

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