

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Purchase Marilyn J.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
[AMPH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/07/2014

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Corp. Exec. VP of Operations

C/O AMPHASTAR  
PHARMACEUTICALS,  
INC., 11570 6TH STREET

(Street)

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

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

RANCHO  
CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/07/2014                           |  | F                              | 1,239 (1)   | \$ 8.75   | 31,375 (2)   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 10/03/2014                           |  | F                              | 519 (1)   | \$ 11.41  | 30,856   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 03/26/2015                           |  | A                              | 14,046 (3)  | \$ 0  | 44,902   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 16,044 (4)   | I                                 |

See footnote (5)

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 14.95   | 03/26/2015                           |  | A                              | 42,054  | <u>(6)</u> 03/26/2025                                    | Common Stock  | 42,054                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| Purchase Marilyn J.<br>C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.<br>11570 6TH STREET<br>RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 |               |           | Corp. Exec. VP of Operations |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of attorney  
03/27/2015

\*\*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 reported securities were withheld to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax liability in connection with the vesting of deferred stock units (DSUs).
- (2) Excludes 16,044 shares previously reported as held directly.
- (3) The reported securities are represented by DSUs which vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 26, 2016.

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- (4) All of the reported shares were previously reported as held directly.
- (5) The shares are held directly by the Purchase Family Trust for which the Reporting Person serves as co-trustee.
- (6) Shares subject to the option vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 26, 2016.

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