

MITRO THOMAS A
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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 *
MITRO THOMAS A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS INC
[AERI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AERIE
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 4301
EMPEROR BLVD., SUITE 400

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/27/2018

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
President and COO

DURHAM, NC 27703

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	08/27/2018		M		182,668	A	\$ 3.15
Common Stock	08/27/2018		M		7,332	A	\$ 3.15
Common Stock	08/27/2018		S		189,549	D	\$ 60.2667 (1) (2)
Common Stock	08/27/2018		S		451	D	\$ 61.0051

(2) (3)

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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.15	08/27/2018		M	182,668	08/05/2017	08/26/2023	Common Stock	182,668
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.15	08/27/2018		M	7,332	08/05/2017	09/12/2023	Common Stock	7,332

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MITRO THOMAS A C/O AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 4301 EMPEROR BLVD., SUITE 400 DURHAM, NC 27703			President and COO	

Signatures

/s/ Richard J. Rubino, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas A. Mitro
Date: 08/29/2018

**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 price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold pursuant to the reporting person's Rule 10b5-1 plan in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$60.00 to \$60.95, inclusive.

(2)

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The reporting person undertakes to provide the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes 1 and 3 to this Form 4.

- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold pursuant to the reporting person's Rule 10b5-1 plan in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$61.00 to \$61.05, inclusive.

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