

PORTOLA 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 *
Curnutte John T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PORTOLA PHARMACEUTICALS INC [PTLA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/01/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

C/O PORTOLA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 270 EAST GRAND AVE.

(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
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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

(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)
Common Stock	05/01/2016		A	(A) or (D) 6,250 (1) (2)	\$ 0 6,250	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)
Stock Option	\$ 23.76	05/01/2016		A	12,500 (2) (3)	05/01/2016 04/30/2026	Common Stock 12,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Curnutte John T C/O PORTOLA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 270 EAST GRAND AVE. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Mike Ouimette, as attorney-in-fact 05/02/2016

__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) Grant of Restricted Stock Units ("RSU") that vests annually over three years commencing on March 1, 2016, subject to Reporting Person's Continuous Service as of each such date.
- (2) In May 2016, Issuer's Board of Directors ("Board") approved one-time retention equity awards to all employees hired prior to March 1, 2016, including the Issuer's executive officers. The Board believes these awards are critical to employee retention in a competitive labor market after a significant decline in the Issuer's stock price. For senior management, these equity awards consist of time-based RSUs and performance-based stock options earned on achievement of pivotal commercial, regulatory and manufacturing milestones through 2018.
- (3) Grant of an option to purchase 12,500 shares of common stock. The options vests in three equal installments based on Issuer's satisfaction of certain performance criteria for each of the fiscal years ending December 31, 2016, 2017, and 2018.

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