

EPIX Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
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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 *
 SMITH IAN F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O EPIX PHARMACEUTICALS,
 INC., 4 MAGUIRE ROAD

(Street)

LEXINGTON, MA 02421

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/19/2008

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		
				Code	V		
					Amount		
				(D)	Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.9	05/19/2008	A	25,000					<u>(1)</u>	05/19/2018	Common Stock	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH IAN F C/O EPIX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 4 MAGUIRE ROAD LEXINGTON, MA 02421	X			

Signatures

/s/ Kim Cobleigh Drapkin,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/21/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

The stock option vests in three equal annual installments such that it becomes fully-vested on the earlier of (i) the third anniversary of the (1) date of grant or (ii) the date of EPIX Pharmaceuticals, Inc's third annual meeting following the date of grant, in each case provided that the optionee is still a director of EPIX Pharmaceuticals, Inc. on each annual vesting date.

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