Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

Common Stock

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [AMPH] À PRINS RICHARD K (Month/Day/Year) 06/24/2014 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O AMPHASTAR (Check all applicable) PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 11570 6TH STREET 10% Owner _X_ Director (Street) Officer _ Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person **RANCHO** Form filed by More than One CUCAMONGA, Â CAÂ 91730 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

27,958

4,093 (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 5)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	
			Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	12/18/2015	Common Stock	28,846	\$ 11.68	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	10/03/2016	Common Stock	2,595	\$ 15.23	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	12/10/2016	Common Stock	11,398	\$ 14.23	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	12/15/2017	Common Stock	51,106	\$ 10.77	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	12/20/2018	Common Stock	36,598	\$ 14.66	D	Â

Reporting Owners

	Relationships			
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe
PRINS RICHARD K C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730	ÂX	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/Richard Prins, by Power of Attorney 06/24/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) This represents deferred stock units that were granted on 12/20/2013 and fully vest on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) This option is fully vested and exercisable.
- (3) This option was granted on 12/20/2013 and fully vests on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to the reporting person's continued service on the Board of Directors of the Issuer through the vesting date.

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