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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GRANADILLO PEDRO P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

Nile Therapeutics, Inc. [NLTX]

(Check all applicable)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/23/2008

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O NILE THERAPEUTICS. INC., 115 SANSOME STREET, **SUITE #310**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

below)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104

(City) (State) (Zip) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactiorDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.93	12/23/2008		A	35,000	(1)	12/22/2018	Common Stock	35,0

Reporting Owners

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GRANADILLO PEDRO P C/O NILE THERAPEUTICS, INC. 115 SANSOME STREET, SUITE #310 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104



Signatures

/s/ Daron Evans, Attorney-in-Fact for Pedro P. Granadillo

12/23/2008

**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) 100% of the shares subject to the option shall vest and become exercisable on January 1, 2010.

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