

AERIE 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 *
 Mehra Anand

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)
 3000 SAND HILL ROAD, 4-250
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/10/2015

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

MENLO PARK, CA 94025
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	04/10/2015		A		1,700 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock					766,657	I	See footnote <u>(2)</u>

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.3	04/10/2015		A	10,000	(3) 04/10/2025	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Mehra Anand 3000 SAND HILL ROAD, 4-250 MENLO PARK, CA 94025		X		

Signatures

/s/ Nathalie Auber, Attorney-in-Fact for Anand Mehra
Date: 04/14/2015

**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) Subject to the reporting person's continued service on the board of directors of the issuer through the vesting date, these shares of Common Stock are scheduled to vest on April 9, 2016.
The securities are owned directly by Sofinnova Venture Partners VII, L.P. ("SV VII"). Sofinnova Management VII, L.L.C. ("SV VII LLC"), the general partner of SV VII, James Healy, Michael Powell and Eric Buatois, the managing members of SV VII LLC, and Anand Mehra, a director of the issuer, may be deemed to have shared voting power and dispositive power over the shares owned by SV VII. Such persons and entities disclaim beneficial ownership over the shares held by SV II except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.
- (3) Subject to the reporting person's continued service on the board of directors of the issuer through the applicable vesting date, this option is scheduled to vest ratably on each of the first 12 monthly anniversaries of April 10, 2015.

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