

Thornton Mark Owens  
Form 3  
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# FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|                                           |                                      |                                                            |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol         |
| Â Thornton Mark Owens                     | (Month/Day/Year)                     | NOVAVAX INC [NVAX]                                         |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                   | 05/24/2010                           |                                                            |
| 9920 BELWARD CAMPUS DRIVE                 |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer           |
| (Street)                                  |                                      | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)       |
|                                           |                                      | (Check all applicable)                                     |
|                                           |                                      | _____ Director _____ 10% Owner                             |
|                                           |                                      | <u> X </u> Officer _____ Other                             |
|                                           |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)                         |
| ROCKVILLE,Â MDÂ 20850                     |                                      | SVP & Chief Medical Officer                                |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                      |                                      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
|                                           |                                      | <u> X </u> Form filed by One Reporting Person              |
|                                           |                                      | _____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person         |

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>        | 25,000 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | D                                                                 | Â                                                        |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4)<br>Title | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|                      | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date |                 | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |         | or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---|
| Options-right to buy | Â (3)               | 05/24/2020         | Common<br>Stock | 200,000                          | \$ 2.38 | D                                | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                            | Relationships |           |                                        |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                           | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                                | Other |
| Thornton Mark Owens<br>9920 BELWARD CAMPUS DRIVE<br>ROCKVILLE,Â MDÂ 20850 | Â             | Â         | Â SVP &<br>Chief<br>Medical<br>Officer | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/John A. Herrmann, Attorney-in-fact for Mark O.  
Thornton

05/25/2010

\_\_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) Represents a grant of 25,000 restricted stock units; each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Novavax common stock
- (2) The restricted stock units vest in three equal annual installments beginning on May 24, 2011.
- (3) Options shall vest in three equal annual installments beginning on May 24, 2011

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