

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
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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 *
 PRINS RICHARD K

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 06/09/2016

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

C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 11570 6TH STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

(City) (State) (Zip)

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	06/09/2016		A		6,086 (1)	\$ 0	29,086	D	Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	06/13/2016		M		7,500	\$ 14.23	36,586	D	Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	06/13/2016		S		7,500	\$ 15.9381 (2)	29,086	D	Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.43	06/09/2016		A	25,827	⁽³⁾ 06/09/2021	Common Stock 25,827
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.23	06/13/2016		M	7,500	⁽⁴⁾ 12/10/2016	Common Stock 7,500

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of attorney
06/13/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The reported shares are represented by restricted stock units, or RSUs, all of which vest on June 9, 2017.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$15.88 to \$15.99, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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- (3) All of the shares subject to the option vest on June 9, 2017.
- (4) Shares subject to the option are fully vested and immediately exercisable.

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