

AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MITRO THOMAS A

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)
C/O AERIE
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 2030
MAIN STREET, SUITE 1500

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/24/2016

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
President and COO

(Street)
IRVINE, CA 92614

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/24/2016		A	(A) or (D) Amount 11,875 (1) Price \$ 0	28,750	D	

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)**

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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)	\$ 16.69	02/24/2016		A	71,250	(2) 02/24/2026	Common Stock	71,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
MITRO THOMAS A C/O AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 2030 MAIN STREET, SUITE 1500 IRVINE, CA 92614	President and COO

Signatures

/s/ Richard J. Rubino, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas A. Mitro
 02/29/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) These shares of Common Stock are scheduled to vest, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with the issuer through the applicable vesting date, in four equal annual installments on the anniversary of February 24, 2016.
- (2) This option is scheduled to vest, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with the issuer through the applicable vesting date, ratably on each of the 48 monthly anniversaries of February 24, 2016.

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