

Masamune Hiroko
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Masamune Hiroko		(Month/Day/Year)	Viking Therapeutics, Inc. [VKTX]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	07/01/2018	
12340 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 250			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
SAN DIEGO,Â CAÂ 92130			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Chief Development Officer	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, par value \$0.00001 per share <u>(1)</u>	96,197	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 (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â ⁽²⁾	01/19/2028	Common Stock	35,000	\$ 4.65	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â ⁽³⁾	06/30/2027	Common Stock	18,000	\$ 1.08	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â ⁽⁴⁾	01/05/2027	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 1.23	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â ⁽⁵⁾	06/30/2026	Common Stock	13,500	\$ 1.26	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â ⁽⁶⁾	03/04/2026	Common Stock	9,800	\$ 2.15	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â ⁽⁷⁾	05/04/2025	Common Stock	18,000	\$ 9.49	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Masamune Hiroko 12340 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 250 SAN DIEGO, CA 92130	Â	Â	Â Chief Development Officer	Â

Signatures

/s/ Michael Morneau, as
Attorney-in-Fact

07/03/2018

**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).

Includes 10,000 shares subject to a restricted stock unit award ("RSU") of common stock that was granted on 1/19/2018 under the Issuer's (1) 2014 Equity Incentive Plan. One-third of the shares subject to the RSU shall vest on each one year anniversary of the grant date of the award.

(2) 25% of the shares subject to the option will vest on each one year anniversary of the grant date of January 19, 2018.

(3) 25% of the shares subject to the option vested or will vest on each one year anniversary of the grant date of June 30, 2017.

(4) 25% of the original 40,000 shares subject to the option vested or will vest on each one year anniversary of the grant date of January 5, 2017.

(5) 25% of the original 18,000 shares subject to the option vested or will vest on each one year anniversary of the grant date of June 30, 2016.

(6) 25% of the original 19,600 shares subject to the option vested or will vest on each one year anniversary of the grant date of March 4, 2016.

(7) 25% of the shares subject to the option were vested upon the grant date of May 4, 2015 and 25% of the shares subject to the option vested on each one year anniversary of the grant date.

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Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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