

ELITE PHARMACEUTICALS INC /DE/
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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 *
BERK BERNARD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ELITE PHARMACEUTICALS INC /DE/ [ELI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O ELITE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 165 LUDLOW AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2007

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, CEO and President

(Street)
NORTHVALE, NJ 07647

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	12/31/2007		P	A	\$ 2,500	192,300	D
Common Stock	12/31/2007		P	A	\$ 2.05	194,800	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)

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 Number of Shares
Options	\$ 3	11/13/2006		A	300,000	<u>(1)</u> 11/13/2016	Common Stock 300,000
Options	\$ 2.69	09/02/2005		A	400,000	<u>(2)</u> 09/02/2015	Common Stock 400,000
Options	\$ 2.69	09/02/2005		A	200,000	<u>(3)</u> 09/02/2015	Common Stock 200,000
Options	\$ 2.15	06/23/2003		A	225,000 <u>(4)</u>	09/02/2005 06/22/2013	Common Stock 225,000 <u>(4)</u>
Options	\$ 2.01	06/03/2003		A	300,000	06/02/2003 06/02/2013	Common Stock 300,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BERK BERNARD C/O ELITE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 165 LUDLOW AVENUE NORTHVALE, NJ 07647	X		Chairman, CEO and President	

Signatures

/s/ Bernard Berk 01/03/2008

**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) They vest upon the closing of an exclusive product license for the United States national market, the entire European Union market or the Japan market or product sale transaction of all of the Company's ownership rights in the United States (only once for each individual product) for the Company's first "Non-Generic Opioid Drug" as to 150,000 options and for the Company's second "Non-Generic Opioid Drug" as to 150,000 options.

(2) See Remarks.

(3) 100,000 of the options vested on September 2, 2006 and 100,000 of the options vested on September 2, 2007.

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- Represents a previously granted option to purchase 300,000 shares of the Registrant's Common Stock of which the Reporting person
- (4) waived and released any and all rights to receive or exercise such options as to 75,000 shares of Common Stock. The remaining 225,000 shares of Common Stock vested on September 2, 2005.

Remarks:

Modified on November 13, 2006 to provide for the following vesting period: the options vest as follows: (i) upon the commencement of the first Phase III clinical trial relating to the first "Non-Generic Opioid Drug" developed by the Company as to 125,000 options and relating to the second "Non-Generic Opioid Drug" developed by the company as to 75,000 options; (ii) 50,000 options upon the closing of an exclusive product license for the United States national market or product sale transaction of all of the Company's ownership rights (on a product by product basis and only once for each individual product) for each Company drug product, other than the "Non-Generic Opioid Drugs" for which the foregoing "Non-Generic Opioid Drug" options were granted under (i) above; (iii) 10,000 options upon the filing by the Company (in the Company's name) with the United States Food and Drug Administration (the "FDA") of either an abbreviated new drug application (an "ANDA") or a new drug application (including a NDA filed with the FDA (a "NDA"), for a product not covered by a previous application; (iv) 40,000 options upon the approval by the FDA of any ANDA or NDA (filed in the Company's name) for a product not previously approved by the FDA; (v) 25,000 options upon filing of an application for U.S. patent by the Company (filed in the Company's name); and (vi) 25,000 options upon the granting by U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of a patent to the Company (filed in the Company's name).

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