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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Dier Mardi			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PORTOLA PHARMACEUTICALS INC [PTLA]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
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	O, CA 94080							Person			
(City)		Zip)	Table	I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Da any (Month/Day/	ate, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securiti on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of	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	05/01/2016			А	16,250 (1) (2)	А	\$0	16,250	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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	\$ 23.76	05/01/2016		А	32,500 $(2) (3)$	05/01/2016	04/30/2026	Common Stock	32,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Dier Mardi C/O PORTOLA PHARMACEUTICALS, I 270 EAST GRAND AVENUE SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080	NC.		Executive VP and CFO					
Signatures								
/s/ Mike Ouimette, as attorney-in-fact	05/02/2016							
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date							

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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).
- Grant of Restricted Stock Units ("RSU") that vests annually over three years commencing on March 1, 2016, subject to Reporting (1)Person's Continuous Service as of each such date.

In May 2016, Issuer's Board of Directors ("Board") approved one-time retention equity awards to all employees hired prior to March 1, 2016, including the Issuer's executive officers. The Board believes these awards are critical to employee retention in a competitive labor (2) market after a significant decline in the Issuer's stock price. For senior management, these equity awards consist of time-based RSUs and performance-based stock options earned on achievement of pivotal commercial, regulatory and manufacturing milestones through 2018.

Grant of an option to purchase 32,500 shares of common stock. The options vests in three equal installments based on Issuer's satisfaction (3) of certain performance criteria for each of the fiscal years ending December 31, 2016, 2017, and 2018.

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