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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * du Toit Michael

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS INC

(Check all applicable)

[AERI]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) C/O AERIE 06/07/2018

PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 4301 EMPEROR BLVD., SUITE 400

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

DURHAM, NC 27703

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price

Common Stock

06/07/2018

Code V Amount 1,750 Α (1)

\$0 4,600 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. Transactic 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 I S (
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 65.15	06/07/2018		A	7,800	(2)	06/07/2028	Common Stock	7,800	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting 6 wher runner runness	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
du Toit Michael C/O AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 4301 EMPEROR BLVD., SUITE 400 DURHAM, NC 27703	X					

Signatures

/s/ Richard J. Rubino, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael du Toit 06/08/2018

**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) Subject to the reporting person's continued service on the board of directors of the issuer through the vesting date, these shares of Common Stock are scheduled to vest on June 7, 2019.
- Subject to the reporting person's continued service on the board of directors of the issuer through the applicable vesting date, this option is scheduled to vest ratably on each of the first 12 monthly anniversaries of June 7, 2018.

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