

MITRO THOMAS A

Form 4

August 29, 2018

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AERIE  
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 4301  
EMPEROR BLVD., SUITE 400

(Street)

DURHAM, NC 27703

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
[AERI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/27/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President and COO

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

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	08/27/2018		M		182,668	A	\$ 3.15
Common Stock	08/27/2018		M		7,332	A	\$ 3.15
Common Stock	08/27/2018		S		189,549	D	\$ 60.2667 (1) (2)
Common Stock	08/27/2018		S		451	D	\$ 51,479 61.0051

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(2) (3)

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 of Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.15	08/27/2018		M		182,668		08/05/2017	08/26/2023	Common Stock	182,668
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.15	08/27/2018		M		7,332		08/05/2017	09/12/2023	Common Stock	7,332

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
MITRO THOMAS A C/O AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 4301 EMPEROR BLVD., SUITE 400 DURHAM, NC 27703	President and COO

## Signatures

/s/ Richard J. Rubino, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas A.  
Mitro 08/29/2018

\*\*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) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold pursuant to the reporting person's Rule 10b5-1 plan in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$60.00 to \$60.95, inclusive.

(2)

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The reporting person undertakes to provide the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes 1 and 3 to this Form 4.

- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold pursuant to the reporting person's Rule 10b5-1 plan in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$61.00 to \$61.05, inclusive.

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