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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement PERNIX THERAPEUTICS HOLDINGS, INC. [PTX] Smith Angus W. (Month/Day/Year) 02/06/2018 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O PERNIX THERAPEUTICS (Check all applicable) HOLDINGS, INC., 10 NORTH PARK PLACE, SUITE 201 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) SVP, Chief Bus Off & PFO _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person MORRISTOWN, NJÂ 07960 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Common Stock $3,300 \frac{(1)}{}$ D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

(Instr. 5)

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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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
			Derivative	Security:	

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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)	(2)	09/29/2024	Common Stock	7,500 (7)	\$ 78.6 (7)	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	04/24/2025	Common Stock	2,500 (7)	\$ 73.3 (7)	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	02/25/2026	Common Stock	3,500 (7)	\$ 21.4 (7)	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	02/25/2016	Common Stock	14,000 (7)	\$ 21.4 (7)	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(6)	08/08/2027	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 2.92	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Smith Angus W. C/O PERNIX THERAPEUTICS HOLDINGS, INC. 10 NORTH PARK PLACE, SUITE 201 MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960	Â	Â	SVP, Chief Bus Off & PFO	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Kenneth R. Pina, attorney-in-fact 02/12/2018

**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).
- (1) Consists of previously-awarded restricted share units that vest in four equal annual installments of 825 shares, with the first installment vesting on August 8, 2018, which is the one year anniversary of the grant date.
- The option vests and becomes exercisable over a four-year period commencing on September 29, 2014. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the option vested and became exercisable on September 29, 2015, with the balance vesting in equal annual installments over the remaining three years of the four-year period, subject to continued service with the Issuer.
- The option vests and becomes exercisable over a four-year period commencing on April 24, 2015. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the option vested and became exercisable on April 24, 2016, with the balance vesting in equal annual installments over the remaining three years of the four-year period, subject to continued service with the Issuer.
- The option vests and becomes exercisable over a four-year period commencing on February 25, 2016. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the option vested and became exercisable on February 25, 2017, with the balance vesting in equal annual installments over the remaining three years of the four-year period, subject to continued service with the Issuer.
- The option vests and becomes exercisable over a four-year period commencing on February 25, 2016. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the option vested and became exercisable on February 25, 2017, with the balance vesting in equal annual installments over the remaining three years of the four-year period, subject to continued service with the Issuer.

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- The option vests and becomes exercisable over a four-year period commencing on August 8, 2017. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the option vests and becomes exercisable on August 8, 2018, with the balance vesting in equal annual installments over the remaining three years of the four-year period, subject to continued service with the Issuer.
- (7) Exercise price and number of option shares have been adjusted to reflect the Issuer's 1-for-10 stock split of its issued and outstanding shares of common stock effected on October 13, 2016.

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Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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