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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Pina Kenneth

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

PERNIX THERAPEUTICS HOLDINGS, INC. [PTX]

(Check all applicable)

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(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

C/O PERNIX THERAPEUTICS HOLDINGS, INC., 10 NORTH PARK PLACE, SUITE 201

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

01/05/2018

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

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

MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

(State)

(City)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

D

(A) Transaction(s) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D)

Common 01/05/2018 Stock

F 15,554 ⁽²⁾

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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer

Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Pina Kenneth

C/O PERNIX THERAPEUTICS HOLDINGS, INC. 10 NORTH PARK PLACE, SUITE 201 MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

SVP, GC & Compliance Off.

Signatures

/s/ Kenneth R. 04/09/2018

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) No shares were sold these shares were withheld by the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding requirements in connection with the insider's exercise of his withholding right following the vesting of restricted share units ("RSUs").
- Consists of (i) 804 shares of common stock, (ii) the unvested amount of previously awarded RSUs that vest in three equal installments of 1,250 shares, with the next installment vesting on January 5, 2019, (iii) the unvested amount of previously awarded RSUs that vest in four equal installments of 1,500 shares, with the next installment vesting on August 8, 2018 and (iv) the unvested amount of previously awarded RSUs that vest in four equal annual installments of 1,250, with the next installment vesting on March 15, 2019.

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