INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> NASH DAVID | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ANI PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ANIP] | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|---|---|--|----------------------------|---|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 05/17/2018 | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | |
| C/O ANI | | | | | | | | | |
| PHARMACI | EUTICALS | 5, | | (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
| INC., 210 N | MAIN STR | REET | | | | | | | |
| WEST | | | | X_ Director 10% Owner Officer Other | | | | | |
| | (Street) | | (give title below) (specify belo | | | ow) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group | | |
| BAUDETTE, MN 56623 | | | | | | | Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One | | |
| | | | | | | | Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - I | ole I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4) | ity | | 2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4) | | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nat Owner (Instr. | • | | |
| Common Sto | ock | | 0 (1) | | D | Â | | | |
| Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02) | | | | | | | | | |
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Date Exercisable and | 3. Title and Amount of | 4. | 5. | 6. Nature of Indirect |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| (Instr. 4) | Expiration Date | Securities Underlying | Conversion | Ownership | Beneficial Ownership |
| | (Month/Day/Year) | Derivative Security | or Exercise | Form of | (Instr. 5) |

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| | | (Instr. 4) | | Price of | Derivative |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| NASH DAVID C/O ANI PHARMACEUT 210 MAIN STREET WES BAUDETTE, MN 5662 | ÂX | Â | Â | Â | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| /s/ David B. Nash | 05/24/2018 | | | | | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | | | | | |
| Explanation of Responses: | | | | | | | |

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* 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) Mr. Nash did not own any reportable securities of the Issuer, directly or indirectly, prior to becoming a reporting person.

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