

NIGALAYE ASHOK G  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
NIGALAYE ASHOK G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ELITE PHARMACEUTICALS INC /DE/ [eltp]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chief Scientific Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O EPIC PHARMA, LLC, 227-15  
NORTH CONDUIT AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
06/06/2011

LAURELTON, NY 11413

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	06/06/2011		C(1)		2,976,190	A	\$ 0 (1)
					3,384,139 (3)	I (2)	see footnote (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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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	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 or Number of Shares
Series E Convertible Preferred Stock	\$ 0.0252	06/06/2011		C	75	06/06/2011	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	2,976,190
Series E Convertible Preferred Stock	\$ 0.0248	08/12/2011		P	125	08/12/2011	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	5,040,323

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NIGALAYE ASHOK G C/O EPIC PHARMA, LLC 227-15 NORTH CONDUIT AVENUE LAURELTON, NY 11413	X	X	Chief Scientific Officer	

## Signatures

Ashok G.  
Nigalaye

01/30/2012

\*\*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) Conversion of Series E Preferred Stock of issuer at the rate of approximately 39,682.53 shares of common for each share of such preferred stock.
- (2) Ashok G. Nigalaye is an equity owner and executive officer of each of Epic Pharma, LLC ("EP"), and Epic Investments, LLC ("EI") (which is controlled by EP), which owns securities convertible into or exercisable for in excess of 10% of the outstanding shares of common stock of the issuer, and also serves as a director of the issuer.
- (3) Of the 3,384,139 shares of common stock, 2,976,190 shares of common stock are owned indirectly through EI and 407,949 shares are owned directly by the reporting person.
- (4) N/A

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