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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President and COO		
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/27/2018					
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	234,147	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2018		M		7,332	A	\$3.15	241,479	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2018		S		189,549	D	\$60.2667 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	51,930	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2018		S		451	D	\$61.0051 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	51,479	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Option (Right to Buy)	\$3.15	08/27/2018		M		182,668		08/05/2017	08/26/2023	Common Stock 182,668	\$0.00	126,984	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$3.15	08/27/2018		M		7,332		08/05/2017	09/12/2023	Common Stock 7,332	\$0.00	63,498	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Remarks:

/s/ Richard J. Rubino,
Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas 08/29/2018
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** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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