

PERNIX THERAPEUTICS HOLDINGS, INC.
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Novak Terence

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O PERNIX THERAPEUTICS, 10
 NORTH PARK PLACE STE 201

 (Street)
 MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PERNIX THERAPEUTICS HOLDINGS, INC. [PTX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 08/14/2015

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy)	\$ 4.7	08/14/2015	A		0 <u>(1)</u>		<u>(1)</u>	08/14/2025	Common Stock	<u>(1)</u>
Options (right to buy)	\$ 4.7	08/14/2015	A		120,000		<u>(2)</u>	08/14/2025	Common Stock	120,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Novak Terence C/O PERNIX THERAPEUTICS 10 NORTH PARK PLACE STE 201 MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960			Chief Operating Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Terence Novak 08/18/2015

**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).
- 70,000 shares is the target amount of shares underlying the granted option (the "Performance Option"). The actual number of shares the Performance Options are exercisable for, if any, will be determined on August 14, 2018 or sooner if a change of control occurs (the "Measuring Date") based upon the average closing bid price of the Company's Common Stock for the twenty trading days ending on the Measuring Date. If the average closing bid price of the Company's Common Stock for the twenty trading days immediately ending on the Measuring Date is (i) less than \$20 per share, no Performance Options vest, (ii) \$20 per share or more and less than \$25 per share, then 35,000 of the Performance Options vest, (iii) \$25 per share or more and less than \$30 per share, then 52,500 of the Performance Options vest, (iii) \$30 per share or more and less than \$35 per share, then 70,000 of the Performance Options vest, and (iv) \$35 per share or more, then 105,000 of the Performance Options vest. 50% of the shares that vest as described above will be exercisable on the Measuring Date and the remaining fifty 50% of such vested options shall be exercisable one year after the Measuring Date.
- (2) The stock options vest in annual 30,000 share installments with the first installment vesting on the first anniversary of the date of grant and the final installment vesting on the fourth anniversary thereof.

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