

Carter Eric G
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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 *
 Carter Eric G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 KING PHARMACEUTICALS INC
 [KG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 501 FIFTH STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Science Officer

BRISTOL, TN 37620
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2010		M	37,940 A \$ 0	174,167 ⁽¹⁾	D	

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 (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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Long-Term Performance Unit	(2)	12/31/2010		M	37,940	(2) 12/31/2010	Common Stock
Long-Term Performance Unit	(3)	01/18/2011(4)		A	17,860	(5) 12/31/2012	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Carter Eric G 501 FIFTH STREET BRISTOL, TN 37620			Chief Science Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Eric G. 01/20/2011
Carter

**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) The amount of securities beneficially owned by the reporting person following this reported transaction includes securities owned as of January 20, 2011.
The Long-Term Performance Units (One Year Performance Cycle) were awarded under the King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Incentive Plan (the "Incentive Plan"). Each Long-Term Performance Unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. common stock if the reporting person remained employed by King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. during the two-year vesting period that ended on December 31, 2010.
- (2) The Long-Term Performance Units (One Year Performance Cycle) were awarded under the Incentive Plan. Each Long-Term Performance Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. common stock.
- (3) The number of Long-Term Performance Units awarded was based on the achievement of certain 2010 annual earnings per share targets established by the Compensation and Human Resources Committee under the Incentive Plan in early 2010.
- (4) The Long-Term Performance Units vest in full on December 31, 2012, or sooner under certain limited circumstances, contingent upon the reporting person's continued employment by King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. as of that date.

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