

PERNIX THERAPEUTICS HOLDINGS, INC.

Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Pina Kenneth

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/04/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
S VP, Gen Counsel and Comp Off

C/O PERNIX THERAPEUTICS HOLDINGS, INC., 10 NORTH PARK PLACE, SUITE 201

(Street)

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

MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	01/04/2017		A		5,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 5,000 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.1	01/04/2017		A	15,000	(2) 01/04/2027	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Pina Kenneth C/O PERNIX THERAPEUTICS HOLDINGS, INC. 10 NORTH PARK PLACE, SUITE 201 MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960			S VP, Gen Counsel and Comp Off	

Signatures

/s/ Michael Golembiewski, attorney-in-fact
Date: 01/17/2017

**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) Represents a grant of restricted share units that vest in three equal installments of approximately 1,250 shares with the first installment vesting on the first anniversary of January 4, 2017 and the final installment vesting on the fourth anniversary of the vesting start date.
- (2) The stock option vests in annual installments of approximately 3,750 shares, commencing on the first anniversary of January 4, 2017, with the final installment vesting on the fourth anniversary of the vesting start date.

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