

Clifford Tracy Simmons
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Clifford Tracy Simmons		(Month/Day/Year)	PERNIX THERAPEUTICS HOLDINGS, INC. [PTX]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	05/08/2013	
884 JOHNNIE DODDS BLVD, SUITE 201			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
MOUNT PLEASANT, SC 29464			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			VP of Accounting	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	22,563	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title			

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		Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (right to buy)	03/09/2010	03/09/2015	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 3.8	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	03/09/2010	03/09/2015	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 2.2	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	05/12/2011 ⁽¹⁾	05/12/2020	Common Stock	75,000	\$ 3.73	D	Â
Options (right to buy)	08/12/2012 ⁽¹⁾	08/12/2021	Common Stock	17,000	\$ 6.1	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Clifford Tracy Simmons 884 JOHNNIE DODDS BLVD SUITE 201 MOUNT PLEASANT, SC 29464	Â	Â	Â VP of Accounting	Â

Signatures

/s/Tracy S. Clifford 05/20/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) These stock options are exercisable in 1/3 annual increments beginning on the date indicated and ending on the second anniversary thereof.

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