PERNIX THERAPEUTICS HOLDINGS, INC.

Form 4

February 29, 2016

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Golembiewski Michael Joseph

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

PERNIX THERAPEUTICS HOLDINGS, INC. [PTX]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

3.

02/25/2016

10 N. PARK PLACE, SUITE 201

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

VP Finance, Controller, CAO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Issuer

below)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

(City)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

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(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.14	02/25/2016		A		65,000		<u>(1)</u>	02/25/2026	Common Stock	65,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Golembiewski Michael Joseph 10 N. PARK PLACE, SUITE 201 MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

VP Finance, Controller, CAO

Signatures

/s/Michael J.

Golembiewski 02/29/2016

**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 stock options vest in annual 16,250 share installments with the first installment vesting on the first anniversary date of grant and the final installment vesting on the fourth anniversary thereof.

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