

PERNIX THERAPEUTICS HOLDINGS, INC.
Form SC 13G
July 31, 2017

**SECURITIES
AND
EXCHANGE
COMMISSION
Washington,
D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE
13G**

Under the
Securities
Exchange Act of
1934

(Amendment
No.)*

Pernix
Therapeutics
Holdings, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock,
par value \$0.01
per share
(Title of Class of
Securities)

71426V306
(CUSIP Number)

July 21, 2017
(Date of event
which requires
filing of this
statement)

Check the
appropriate box
to designate the

rule pursuant to
which this
Schedule 13G is
filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

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*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
	Highbridge Capital Management, LLC
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (b) " OF A GROUP
3	SEC USE ONLY CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
4	State of Delaware
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	SOLE VOTING POWER
5	0
6	SHARED VOTING POWER
7	229,419 shares of Common Stock
8	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
9	0 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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ROW (9)
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(9)

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	Highbridge International LLC
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (b) " OF A GROUP
3	SEC USE ONLY CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
4	Cayman Islands, British West Indies
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	SOLE VOTING POWER
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Item 1(a). NAME OF ISSUER:

The name of the issuer is Pernix Therapeutics Holdings, Inc. (the "Company").

Item 1(b). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

The Company's principal executive offices are located at 10 North Park Place, Suite 201, Morristown, New Jersey 07960.

Item 2(a). NAME OF PERSON FILING:

Item 2(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE:

Item 2(c). CITIZENSHIP:

This statement is filed by:

Highbridge Capital Management, LLC

40 West 57th Street, 32nd Floor

(i) New York, New York 10019

Citizenship: State of Delaware

Highbridge International LLC

c/o Highbridge Capital Management, LLC

(ii) 40 West 57th Street, 32nd Floor

New York, New York 10019

Citizenship: Cayman Islands

The foregoing persons are hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Reporting Persons."

Item 2(d). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock").

Item 2(e). CUSIP NUMBER:

71426V306

Item 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b) OR 13d-2(b) OR (c), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

- (a) Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act,
- (b) Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act,
- (c) Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act,
- (d) Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940,

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- (e) " An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) " Employee Benefit Plan or Endowment Fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F),
- (g) " Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G),
- (h) " Savings Association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act,
- (i) " A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j) " A non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- (k) " Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please

specify the type of institution: _____

Item
4. OWNERSHIP.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

As of the date hereof, (i) Highbridge International LLC may be deemed to beneficially own 229,419 shares of Common Stock and (ii) Highbridge Capital Management, LLC, as the trading manager of Highbridge International LLC, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 229,419 shares of Common Stock held by Highbridge International LLC.

On the date of the event which requires the filing of this Schedule 13G, each of the Reporting Persons may have been deemed to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the shares of Common Stock.

(b) Percent of class:

The percentages used herein and in the rest of this Schedule 13G are calculated based upon 11,116,439 shares of Common Stock reported to be outstanding as of July 21, 2017 in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2017 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 27, 2017. Therefore, as of the date hereof based on the outstanding shares of Common Stock, (i) Highbridge International LLC may be deemed to beneficially own approximately 2.06% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Company and (ii) Highbridge Capital Management, LLC may be deemed to beneficially own approximately 2.06% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Company.

The foregoing should not be construed in and of itself as an admission by any Reporting Person as to beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock held by Highbridge International LLC.

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

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(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

0

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote

See Item 4(a)

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

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(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

See Item 4(a)

Item 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following:

Item 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.

Not applicable.

Item 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY.

Not applicable.

Item 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

Not applicable.

Item 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP.

Not applicable.

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Item 10. CERTIFICATION.

Each Reporting Person hereby makes the following certification:

By signing below the Reporting Person certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATED: July 31, 2017

HIGHBRIDGE
CAPITAL
MANAGEMENT,
LLC

By: /s/ John Oliva
Name: John Oliva
Title: Managing
Director

HIGHBRIDGE
INTERNATIONAL
LLC

By: Highbridge
Capital
Management, LLC
its Trading Manager

By: /s/ John Oliva
Name: John Oliva
Title: Managing
Director

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EXHIBIT 1

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned acknowledge and agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13G shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint filing agreements. The undersigned acknowledge that each shall be responsible for the timely filing of such amendments, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning him or it contained herein and therein, but shall not be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the others, except to the extent that he or it knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

DATED: July 31, 2017

HIGHBRIDGE
CAPITAL
MANAGEMENT,
LLC

By: /s/ John Oliva
Name: John Oliva
Title: Managing
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