RespireRx Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Form 4

January 20, 2017

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Lippa Arnold

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

RespireRx Pharmaceuticals Inc. [RSPI]

(Check all applicable)

Executive Chairman and CSO

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/18/2017

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O RESPIRERX PHARMACEUTICALS INC., 126

(Street)

VALLEY ROAD, SUITE C

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

(Instr. 4)

GLEN ROCK, NJ 0

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

(State)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 4)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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D Se	Title of erivative ecurity nstr. 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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	etion (5. Number of tiorDerivative 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 Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Lippa Arnold C/O RESPIRERX PHARMACEUTICALS INC. 126 VALLEY ROAD, SUITE C GLEN ROCK, NJ 0	X		Executive Chairman and CSO				

Signatures

/s/ Arnold Lippa 01/20/2017

**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) These Common Stock Options vest in three installments: 25 percent on January 18, 2017 (the grant date), 25 percent on March 31, 2017, and 50 percent on June 30, 2017.
- (2) Mr. Lippa transferred these Common Stock Options into a family trust for estate planning purposes. He is not the trustee and does not exercise voting or investment control over shares held in the trust but he is a beneficiary of the trust.

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