

CHESS ROBERT  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CHESS ROBERT

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS  
[NKTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/24/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Executive Chairman

SAN CARLOS, CA 94070  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | 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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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
|                                 |                           |                                      |                                   |                     |                                    |  |   |

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| (Instr. 3)                           | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 21.5                            | 02/24/2006       | A          | 37,500   |      |   |     |     | <u>(1)</u>          | 02/24/2014         | Common<br>Stock | 37,500                              |
| Restricted<br>Stock Unit             | \$ 0.01                            | 02/24/2006       | A          | 18,750   |      |   |     |     | <u>(2)</u>          | <u>(3)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 18,750                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| CHESS ROBERT<br>150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD<br>SAN CARLOS, CA 94070 | X             |           | Executive Chairman |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Paula S.  
Kasler

02/24/2006

\*\*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) Options for 37,500 shares shall vest monthly over one year commencing March 17, 2006.
- (2) The shares of Common Stock are issued upon the vesting of restricted stock units granted to the holder. All of the restricted stock units shall vest on March 17, 2007.
- (3) Not Applicable.

### Remarks:

Mr. Chess has been appointed as the Interim President and Chief Executive Officer for Netkar Therapeutics, effective as of M

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