

FORM 4

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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 * SELICK HAROLD E		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol THRESHOLD PHARMACEUTICALS INC [THLD]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/09/2009		
C/O THRESHOLD PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 1300 SEAPORT BLVD SUITE 500					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063					
(City)			(State)		
(Zip)					

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (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 (Instr. 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (2)	\$ 0.79	01/09/2009		A		70,000	(1)	01/09/2019	Common Stock	70,000	\$ 0	70,000	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SELICK HAROLD E C/O THRESHOLD PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 1300 SEAPORT BLVD SUITE 500 REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

Harold E. Selick by Joel A. Fernandes, Attorney-In-Fact		01/14/2009
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 option vests monthly over a period of four years commencing January 9, 2009.

(2) The stock option was granted pursuant to the Threshold Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 2004 Amended and Restated Equity Incentive Plan.

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