

CHASE ANTHONY R
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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 *
CHASE ANTHONY R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3450 MONTE VILLA PARKWAY,
SUITE 101

(Street)

BOTHELL, WA 98021

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AVI BIOPHARMA INC [AVII]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/17/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2010 | | P | | 18,539 | A | \$ 1.41 |
| Common Stock | 05/18/2010 | | P | | 500 | A | \$ 1.41 |
| Common Stock | 05/18/2010 | | P | | 10,568 | A | \$ 1.44 |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock Purchase Warrants | \$ 1.78 ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 02/25/2010 08/25/2014 | Common Stock 140,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.24 | | | | | 04/20/2011 ⁽²⁾ 04/20/2020 | Common Stock 60,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CHASE ANTHONY R 3450 MONTE VILLA PARKWAY, SUITE 101 BOTHELL, WA 98021 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Melinda Miles, Attorney-In-Fact For: Anthony Chase
05/18/2010

**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) Mr. Chase holds 350,000 warrants to purchase common stock. Each warrant can be exercised to purchase 4/10 (or 0.4) of a share of common stock. Thus, Mr. Chase's 350,000 warrants are exercisable to purchase 140,000 shares of common stock at \$1.78 per share.
- Such options shall have a four-year vesting period commencing on the Grant Date, 1/4th of the shares vest and become exercisable on the earlier of one year after the Grant Date or the commencement of the next succeeding annual meeting of shareholders; 1/4th of the shares vest and become exercisable on the earlier of two years after the Grant Date or the commencement of the next succeeding annual meeting of shareholders, 1/4th of the shares vest and become exercisable on the earlier of three years after the Grant Date or the commencement of the next succeeding annual meeting of shareholders and 1/4th of the shares vest and become exercisable on the earlier of four years after the Grant Date or the commencement of the next succeeding annual meeting of shareholders.
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