

EPIX Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Form 4
August 01, 2008

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GAMZU ELKAN R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O EPIX PHARMACEUTICALS,
INC., 4 MAGUIRE ROAD**

(Street)

LEXINGTON, MA 02421

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

EPIX Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [EPIX]

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

07/31/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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	(D)	Price

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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 Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.1	07/31/2008	A	300,000					<u>(1)</u>	07/31/2018	Common Stock	300,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GAMZU ELKAN R C/O EPIX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 4 MAGUIRE ROAD LEXINGTON, MA 02421			Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Kim Cobleigh Drapkin,
Attorney-in-Fact

08/01/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

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(1) The stock option vests in nine (9) tranches. The first tranche of 33,336 shares vests on July 31, 2008, and the remaining eight (8) tranches shall vest in consecutive equal monthly installments of 33,333 shares commencing on August 31, 2008.

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