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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS INC [AERI] A Kopczynski Casey C. (Month/Day/Year) 10/25/2013 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O AERIE (Check all applicable) PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 135 U.S. HIGHWAY 10% Owner Director 206, SUITE 15 _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Chief Scientific Officer Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person BEDMINSTER, ÂNJÂ 07921 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 143,240 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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

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3. Title and Amount of 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 6. Nature of Indirect 5. Securities Underlying (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Beneficial Ownership Conversion Ownership (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5)

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		Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	
	Date Exercisable		Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Series A-4 Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	93,256 (1)	\$ 1.1	D	Â
Warrant (right to buy)	(2)	08/27/2020	Common Stock	15,000 (2)	\$ 1	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	08/12/2015	Common Stock	4,596	\$ 0.005	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	02/19/2028	Common Stock	3,250	\$ 0.395	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	12/03/2019	Common Stock	117,000	\$ 0.405	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	04/28/2021	Common Stock	60,650 (4)	\$ 0.196	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	09/12/2023	Common Stock	25,000 (5)	\$ 3.15	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Kopczynski Casey C. C/O AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 135 U.S. HIGHWAY 206, SUITE 15 BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921	Â	Â	Chief Scientific Officer	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Richard J. Rubino, Attorney-in-Fact for Casey C. Kopczynski

10/25/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

These shares of Series A-4 Preferred Stock were issued on February 23, 2011. Immediately prior to the issuer's initial public offering pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-1 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, all of these shares of Series A-4 Preferred

- (1) Stock will be automatically converted into 18,651 shares of Common Stock, which reflects a 1-for-5 reverse stock split of the issuer's Common Stock effected on October 8, 2013 (which post-reverse stock split number has been rounded to the nearest whole share of Common Stock). These shares of Series A-4 Preferred Stock have no expiration date.
- This warrant to purchase 15,000 shares of Series A-4 Preferred Stock was issued on August 27, 2010, and is immediately exercisable.

 Immediately prior to the issuer's initial public offering pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-1 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the warrant will automatically convert into a warrant to purchase 3,000 shares of Common Stock, which reflects a 1-for-5 reverse stock split of the issuer's Common Stock effected on October 8, 2013.

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- (3) This option is fully vested and exercisable.
 - This option was granted on April 28, 2011 and is currently vested and exercisable with respect to 37,907 shares underlying the option.
- (4) The remaining shares underlying this option will vest on the 25th day of each month such that option will be fully vested on March 25, 2015.
- (5) This option was granted on September 12, 2013 and is scheduled to vest with respect to 25% of the underlying shares on September 12, 2014, and thereafter in 36 equal installments on each monthly anniversary of the date of grant.

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