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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Last)

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Lieu Hsiao

(First) (Middle)

C/O NILE THERAPEUTICS. INC., 115 SANSOME STREET,

SUITE #310

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Nile Therapeutics, Inc. [NLTX]

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

02/15/2010

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

VP, Clinical Research

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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(Zip) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4)

(A)

Code V Amount (D) Price

100 D

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.14	02/15/2010		A	63,750 (1)	07/07/2009	07/07/2019	Common Stock	101,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.45					<u>(1)</u>	01/16/2019	Common Stock	21,623
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.45					<u>(2)</u>	03/10/2018	Common Stock	200,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.88					01/16/2009	01/16/2019	Common Stock	31,003

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lieu Hsiao C/O NILE THERAPEUTICS, INC. 115 SANSOME STREET, SUITE #310 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104

VP, Clinical Research

Signatures

/s/ Daron Evans as Attorney-in-Fact for Hsiao D. Lieu pursuant to Power of Attorney previously filed.

02/17/2010

**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) On July 7, 2009, the Reporting Person was granted an option to purchase up to 150,000 shares of common stock of the Issuer, 37,500 of which were immediately exercisable. 75,000 of the shares subject to the option are based on the achievement of certain performance milestones (or a pro rata portion thereof for a five-month period of such milestones) following the date of grant. On February 15, 2010,

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the Reporting Person's right to purchase 63,750 shares of such 75,000-share installment vested based on the achievement of such milestones; the remaining 11,250 shares of such installment were forfeited. Vesting of the final 37,500 shares of the total grant are subject to certain other performance milestones (or a pro rata portion thereof), which have not yet been achieved.

(2) Exercisable as to 50,000 shares on 3/10/2009 and as to 4,167 shares each month thereafter for 36 months.

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