

KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS INC
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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 *
WEISS MICHAEL S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O KERYX
 BIOPHARMACEUTICALS,
 INC., 750 LEXINGTON AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**KERYX
 BIOPHARMACEUTICALS INC
 [KERX]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 11/14/2008

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)
 Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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)
Common Stock	11/14/2008		A ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	V Amount (A) or (D) Price	1,800,000 A \$ 0 1,965,000	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)

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 Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WEISS MICHAEL S C/O KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 750 LEXINGTON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Michael S. Weiss 11/18/2008

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).

- The shares of restricted common stock will vest as follows: (i) 400,000 shares in the event that Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.'s (the "Company") common stock listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market is maintained for 12 consecutive months following the date of grant; (ii) 300,000 shares upon acceptance of a new drug application in the United States by the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") following the successful completion of a Phase 3 trial for any compound currently licensed or that is licensed in the future by the Company; (iii) 600,000 shares upon FDA approval in the United States of any compound of the Company currently licensed or that is licensed in the future by the Company; and (iv) 500,000 shares upon the Company closing (a) a licensing/partnering arrangement or (b) a capital markets transaction raising at least \$10,000,000 net to the Company.
- (2) Each incentive grant is subject to the change of control provision contained in the employment agreement between Michael S. Weiss and the Company dated December 23, 2002.

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