

ELITE PHARMACEUTICALS INC /DE/
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Van Woert Melvin H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ELITE PHARMACEUTICALS INC /DE/ [ELI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

C/O ELITE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 165 LUDLOW AVENUE

01/24/2008

(Street)

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

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

NORTHVALE, NJ 07647

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Pr
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Secu (Instr			
			Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Options	\$ 1.08	01/24/2008	A		90,000	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	90,000	\$ 1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Van Woert Melvin H C/O ELITE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 165 LUDLOW AVENUE NORTHVALE, NJ 07647	X			

Signatures

/s/ Melvin Van
Woert

01/24/2008

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) 30,000 vest during the period commencing on January 24, 2008 and ending June 26, 2008; 30,000 vest during the period commencing on June 27, 2008 and ending on June 26, 2009 and 30,000 vest during the period commencing on June 27, 2009 and ending on June 26, 2010; provided, however that the option shall fully vest upon the Reporting Person's death, disability, retirement as a director or removal as a director without cause at the request of the Board of Directors.
- (2) The option terminates on the earlier of (i) January 24, 2018 or (ii) a date 90 days after the date upon which the Reporting Person is no longer a director of the Company, unless cessation is due to death or total disability, in which case 12 months after cessation of such relationship.

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