

ELITE PHARMACEUTICALS INC /DE/
Form SC 13D
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

ELITE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

28659T200

(CUSIP Number)

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October 16, 2008

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Trellus Management Company, LLC (13-3807183) (on behalf of five managed accounts)

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

2

- (a) x
- (b) o

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

4

WC

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) o

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

Delaware limited liability company

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

NUMBER OF SHARES

-0-

BENEFICIALLY

SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

8

27,908,170

EACH

REPORTING

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON

9

-0-

WITH

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

27,908,170

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

27,908,170

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) o

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

49.8%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

14

IA

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Trellus Partners, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See
Instructions)

(a) x
(b) o

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED o
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF		-0-
SHARES		SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY	8	19,188,928
OWNED BY		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
EACH	9	-0-
REPORTING		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON	10	19,188,928

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

19,188,928

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES o
CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

40.18%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

14

PN

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Trellus Partners, L.P. II

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

2

- (a) x
- (b) o

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

4

WC

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) o

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

-0-

NUMBER OF SHARES

SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

8

215,914

OWNED BY

EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

9

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

-0-

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

215,914

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

215,914

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) o

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

.73%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

14

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Trellus Offshore Fund Limited

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See
Instructions)

(a) x
(b) o

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED o
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF		-0-
SHARES		SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY	8	8,448,506
OWNED BY		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
EACH	9	-0-
REPORTING		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON	10	8,448,506

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
8,448,506

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES o
CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

22.57%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

14

CO

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS
 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Trellus Small Cap Opportunity Fund L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See
 Instructions)

(a) x
 (b) o

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED o
 PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

		7	SOLE VOTING POWER
	NUMBER OF		-0-
	SHARES		
	BENEFICIALLY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
	OWNED BY		37,547
	EACH		
	REPORTING	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH	PERSON		-0-
			SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		10	37,547

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

37,547

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES o
 CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

.12%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

14

PN

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

1

Trellus Small Cap Opportunity Offshore Fund Ltd

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

2

(a) x
(b) o

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

4

WC

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) o

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

Cayman Islands

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

-0-

NUMBER OF SHARES

SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

8

17,275

OWNED BY EACH

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING PERSON

9

-0-

WITH

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

17,275

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

17,275

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) o

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

.059%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

14

CO

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
 S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
 Adam Usdan

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See
 Instructions)
 (a) x
 (b) o

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)
 WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED o
 PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
 USA

		7	SOLE VOTING POWER
	NUMBER OF		-0-
	SHARES		SHARED VOTING POWER
	BENEFICIALLY	8	27,908,170
	OWNED BY		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	EACH		-0-
	REPORTING	9	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH	PERSON		27,908,170
		10	

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
 27,908,170

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES o
 CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

49.8%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

14

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Item 1. Security and Issuer.

The class of equity securities to which this statement on Schedule 13D relates is the Common Stock (the “Shares”) of Elite Pharmaceutical, Inc. (the “Issuer”), with its principal executive offices located at 165 Ludlow Avenue, Northvale, NJ 07647.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

(a) This statement is being filed jointly by Trellus Management Company, LLC (“Trellus”), Trellus Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“TPLP”), Trellus Partners, L.P. II, a Delaware limited partnership (“TPLPII”), Trellus Offshore Fund Limited, a Cayman Islands limited liability company (“TOF”), Trellus Small Cap Opportunity Fund L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“TSCOLP”), Trellus Small Cap Opportunity Offshore Fund Limited, a Cayman Islands limited liability company (“TSCOF”) and Adam Usdan (each a “Reporting Person” and collectively, the “Reporting Persons”). Trellus Management Company, LLC is the investment adviser to TPLP, TPLPII, TOF, TSCOLP, and TSCOF. Adam Usdan is the controlling principal and chief investment officer of Trellus.

(b) The addresses of the principal business and principal offices of each Reporting Person is 350 Madison Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, New York 10017.

(c) The principal business of Trellus is the offering of investment advisory services to various entities. The principal business of each of TPLP, TPLPII, TOF, TSCOLP, and TSCOF is the investing in securities.

(d) None of the Reporting Persons has been, and none of their executive officers or directors has been, during the last five years, convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) None of the Reporting Persons has been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction resulting in a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws, or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Anthony Miller is the chief financial officer of Trellus. John Alderman is a principal of Trellus and a portfolio manager. The Reporting Persons have no executive officers other than Mr. Usdan, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alderman. TOF and TSCOF have boards of directors and the remaining Reporting Persons do not have Boards of Directors. Mr. Miller has not been subject to any proceeding described in (e) above. Adam Usdan and Anthony Miller are citizens of the United States.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

All purchases of the Common Stock made by the Filing Persons from time to time are with existing working capital.

Item 4.

Purpose of Transaction.

The purpose of the various purchases of Common Stock by the Reporting Persons is to increase their respective equity interests in the Issuer due to the Reporting Persons' belief that such purchases represent a sound investment. Reporting Persons do not exert and have no intention to exert their influence over the management of the Issuer. The Reporting Persons have no specific plans to increase or decrease their position in the Issuer.

The Reporting Persons from time to time intend to review their respective investments in the Issuer on the basis of various factors. Based upon such review, the Reporting Persons will take such actions in the future as the Reporting Persons may deem appropriate in light of the circumstances existing from time to time. If any Reporting Persons believes that further investment in the Issuer is attractive, whether because of the market price of the Issuer's securities or otherwise, it may acquire shares of Common Stock or other securities of the Issuer either in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. Similarly, depending on market and other factors, the Reporting Persons may determine to dispose of some or all of the shares of Common Stock currently owned by the Reporting Persons or otherwise acquired by the Reporting Persons either in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions.

The Reporting Persons do not have any present plans or proposals which relate to or would result in any of the following: (i) an extraordinary corporate transaction involving the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries, (ii) a sale or transfer of a material amount of the assets of the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries, (iii) any change in the present board of directors or management of the Issuer, (iv) any material change in the Issuer's capitalization or dividend policy, (v) any other material change in the Issuer's business or capital structure, (vi) any change in the Issuer's charter or bylaws or other instrument corresponding thereto or other action which may impede the acquisition of control of the Issuer by any person, (vii) causing a class of the Issuer's securities to be deregistered or delisted, (viii) a class of equity securities of the Issuer becoming eligible for termination of registration or (ix) any action similar to any of those enumerated above.

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Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a) Items 9 and 11 of the cover page for each Reporting Person is incorporated herein by reference. The calculation of the percentages in this Statement are based on the number of shares of Common Stock and preferred stock convertible into common shares as disclosed by the Issuer to the Reporting Persons.

(b) Items 7 - 10 of the cover page for each Reporting Person is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) During the past sixty days the Reporting Persons have engaged in the following transactions in the securities of the Issuer:

The Reporting Persons acquired on October 16, 2008, 4,400 shares in the aggregate of Series D Preferred Stock convertible into 22,000,000 shares of common stock in the aggregate. Between October 16, 2008 and February 26, 2009, the Reporting Persons sold 395,244 shares of unrestricted Common Stock and acquired an additional 1,180,165 shares of restricted stock as a stock dividend on its preferred shares. The Reporting Persons also acquired warrants to acquire 4,703,063 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$.25 per share.

(d) No dividends have been received by the Reporting Persons from the Issuer in respect of their shares of Common Stock.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understanding or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

None.

Item 7. Materials to be Filed as Exhibits.

Exhibit A. Joint Filing Agreement.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

March , 2009

/s/ Adam Usdan

Adam Usdan

Trellus Management Company, LLC

By: /s/ Anthony G. Miller
Name: Anthony G. Miller
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Trellus Partners L.P.

By: /s/ Anthony G. Miller
Name: Anthony G. Miller
Title: Chief Financial Officer of Trellus
Company, LLC, as the General Partner

Trellus Partners L.P. II

By: /s/ Anthony G. Miller
Name: Anthony G. Miller
Title: Chief Financial Officer of Trellus
Company, LLC, as the General Partner

Trellus Offshore Fund Limited

By: /s/ Anthony G. Miller
Name: Anthony G. Miller
Title: Chief Financial Officer of Trellus
Management Company, LLC, as the Investment Adviser

Trellus Small Cap Opportunity Fund L.P.

By: /s/ Anthony G. Miller
Name: Anthony G. Miller

Title: Chief Financial Officer of Trellus
Company, LLC, as the General Partner

Trellus Small Cap Opportunity Offshore Fund Limited

By: /s/ Anthony G. Miller
Name: Anthony G. Miller
Title: Chief Financial Officer of Trellus
Management Company, LLC, as the
Investment Adviser

Exhibit A

AGREEMENT

We, the undersigned, hereby express our agreement that the attached Schedule 13D, dated October 16, 2008, relating to common stock of Elite Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is filed on behalf of us.

/s/ Adam Usdan

Adam Usdan

Trellus Management Company, LLC

By: /s/ Anthony G. Miller
Name: Anthony G. Miller
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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Trellus Small Cap Opportunity Offshore Fund Limited

By: /s/ Anthony G. Miller
Name: Anthony G. Miller
Title: Chief Financial Officer of Trellus
Management Company, LLC, as the
Investment Adviser

Date: October 16, 2008
