

Nile Therapeutics, 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 *
 TANEN DAVID M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O TWO RIVER GROUP HOLDINGS, LLC, 689 FIFTH AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Nile Therapeutics, Inc. [NLTX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/12/2008

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)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V Amount | | |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2008 | | P | 4,000 | A \$ 1,4675 ⁽¹⁾ | 1,515,705 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2008 | | P | 20 | A \$ 1.04 | 1,515,725 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2008 | | P | 2,480 | A \$ 1.05 | 1,518,205 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 137,941 | I By Spouse ⁽²⁾ |

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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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TANEN DAVID M C/O TWO RIVER GROUP HOLDINGS, LLC 689 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Daron Evans, Attorney-in-Fact for David M. Tanen
Date: 12/15/2008

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).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades in prices ranging from \$1.01 to \$1.55. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the Issuer or a stockholder of the Issuer information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (1) Held by the Reporting Person's spouse as custodian for the benefit of their minor child under the Uniform Gift to Minors Act. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, in any, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of these shares for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.
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