

Smith Angus W.
Form 4
August 10, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Smith Angus W.

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
PERNIX THERAPEUTICS
HOLDINGS, INC. [PTX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O PERNIX THERAPEUTICS
HOLDINGS, INC., 10 NORTH
PARK PLACE, SUITE 201

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/08/2018

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
SVP, CBO & Principal Fin Off

(Street)
MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

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

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

(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 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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	08/08/2018		F		282 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$ 1.86
							8,018 ⁽²⁾
							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. 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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Smith Angus W. C/O PERNIX THERAPEUTICS HOLDINGS, INC. 10 NORTH PARK PLACE, SUITE 201 MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960	SVP, CBO & Principal Fin Off

Signatures

/s/ Kenneth R. Pina, Attorney-in-Fact for Angus W. Smith 08/10/2018

__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) Represents restricted stock units ("RSU") of Pernix Therapeutics Holdings, Inc. withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of RSUs, exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- Consists of (i) 543 shares of common stock, (ii) the unvested amount of previously-awarded RSUs that vest in four equal annual
- (2) installments of 825 shares, with the second installment vesting on August 8, 2019 and (iii) the unvested amount of previously-awarded RSUs that vest in four equal installments of 1,250 shares, with the first installment vesting on March 15, 2019.

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