

Lippa Arnold
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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 *
 Lippa Arnold

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 RespireRx Pharmaceuticals Inc.
 [RSPI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/09/2017

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Exec Chairman, CSO

C/O RESPIRERX
 PHARMACEUTICALS INC., 126
 VALLEY ROAD, SUITE C

(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

GLEN ROCK, NJ 07452

(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 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)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock)	\$ 1.45	12/09/2017		J ⁽¹⁾	559,595	⁽¹⁾ 12/09/2022	Common Stock
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lippa Arnold C/O RESPIRERX PHARMACEUTICALS INC. 126 VALLEY ROAD, SUITE C GLEN ROCK, NJ 07452	X		Exec Chairman, CSO	

Signatures

/s/ Arnold Lippa 12/12/2017
 **Signature of Date
 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) On December 9, 2017, Dr. Lippa forgave all of the accrued but unpaid compensation to which, pursuant to his employment agreement, he was entitled as of September 30, 2017, an aggregate of \$807,497. On that date, the Company granted to Dr. Lippa options to purchase 559,595 shares of the Company's common stock, with a black-scholes value of \$1.44 per option and an aggregate value of \$807,497. These Common Stock Options vested upon issuance.

(2) Dr. Lippa gifted these Common Stock Options into a family trust for estate planning purposes. He is not the trustee and does not exercise voting or investment control over shares held in the trust but he is a beneficiary of the trust.

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