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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ABEL DOUGLAS</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>810 SEVENTH AVENUE, 4TH FLOOR</u> (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10019</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MANHATTAN PHARMACEUTICALS INC [MHAN]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President and CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/11/2008</u>	

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			

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Stock Options	\$1.5						(1)	04/01/2015	Common Stock	2,923,900		2,923,900	D	
Stock Options	\$0.95						(2)	04/25/2017	Common Stock	250,000		250,000	D	
Stock Options	\$0.17						(3)	03/25/2018	Common Stock	1,300,000		1,300,000	D	
Warrant	\$0.2	09/11/2008		A		24,000	(4)	09/10/2013	Common Stock	24,000	\$0	24,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 974,634 shares vest on 11/1/05; 974,633 shares vest on each of 11/1/06 and 11/1/07.
- 83,334 shares vest on 4/25/08; 83,333 shares vest on each of 4/25/09 and 4/25/10.
- 433,333 shares vest as of the date of grant, 3/25/08, an additional 433,334 vest on 03/25/09 and an additional 433,334 vest on 3/25/10.
- Immediately

/s/ Douglas Abel 09/15/2008
 ** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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