

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Marken James G.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ANI PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.</u> <u>210 MAIN STREET WEST</u> (Street) <u>BAUDETTE MN 56623</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ANI PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ANIP]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Vice President, Operations</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/16/2015</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|--------|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 04/16/2015 | | A | | 1,500 | A | \$0.00 | 33,068 | D | |

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) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Option to Purchase | \$68.71 ⁽²⁾ | 04/16/2015 | | A | | 3,000 | | (3) | 04/15/2025 | Common Stock | 3,000 | \$0.00 | 3,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- On April 16, 2015, the Board of Directors of the Issuer approved the grant of restricted stock, which vest in equal annual installments on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date.
- The closing price of the Issuer's common stock on The NASDAQ Global Market on the grant date.
- The options vest in an equal annual amount over a four-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

/s/ James G. Marken

04/20/2015

** 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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