

Squicciarino Joseph
Form 4
March 01, 2010

FORM 4

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Squicciarino Joseph

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

KING PHARMACEUTICALS INC
[KG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

501 FIFTH STREET

(Street)

BRISTOL, TN 37620

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

02/25/2010

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

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Chief Financial Officer

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

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	(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)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Long-Term Performance Unit	(1)	02/25/2010(2)	A	96,340	(3)				12/31/2011		Common Stock	96,340

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Squicciarino Joseph 501 FIFTH STREET BRISTOL, TN 37620			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Joseph
Squicciarino 03/01/2010

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).
- The Long-Term Performance Units (One Year Performance Cycle) ("Long Term Performance Units") were awarded under the King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Incentive Plan (the "Incentive Plan"). Each Long-Term Performance Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. common stock.
- (1) The number of Long-Term Performance Units awarded was based on the achievement of certain 2009 annual earnings per share targets established by the Compensation and Human Resources Committee under the Incentive Plan in early 2009.
 - (2) The Long-Term Performance Units vest in full on December 31, 2011, contingent upon the reporting person's continued employment by King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. as of that date.
 - (3) The Long-Term Performance Units vest in full on December 31, 2011, contingent upon the reporting person's continued employment by King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. as of that date.

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