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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

McDonnel Paul Clayton

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ARROWHEAD RESEARCH CORP

[ARWR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

10/23/2008

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

X_ Officer (give title below) Chief Financial Officer

201 SOUTH LAKE AVENUE. **SUITE 703**

(Street) 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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

PASADENA, CA 91101

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/I	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		r)	(Instr. 3 and 4	4)
				Code '	/ (A) (I	D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock	\$ 1.11	10/23/2008		A	45,000	11/01/2008(1)	11/01/2018	Common	45,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

McDonnel Paul Clayton 201 SOUTH LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 703 PASADENA, CA 91101

Chief Financial Officer

Stock

Signatures

Option

Paul C. 01/22/2009 McDonnel

**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) Vesting in 48 equal monthly installments.

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