

BRUCE ERIC J  
Form 4  
February 19, 2009

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BRUCE ERIC J

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)

02/17/2009

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

President, Animal Health

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)	02/17/2009(2)	A	39,000	(3)				12/31/2010		Common Stock	39,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
BRUCE ERIC J 501 FIFTH STREET BRISTOL, TN 37620	President, Animal Health

## Signatures

/s/ Eric J. Bruce 02/19/2009  
 \*\*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) Each Long-Term Performance Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. common stock.
- (2) The number of Long-Term Performance Units awarded was based on the achievement of certain 2008 annual earnings per share targets established in early 2008.
- (3) The Long-Term Performance Units vest in full on December 31, 2010, contingent upon the reporting person's continuing to be employed by King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. as of that date.

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