

Elrod James W
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 *
Elrod James W

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)

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

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

Chief Legal Officer, Secretary

C/O KING PHARMACEUTICALS,
INC., 501 FIFTH STREET

(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
Person

BRISTOL, TN 37620

(City) (State) (Zip)

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	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/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Long-Term Performance Unit	(1)	02/17/2009(2)	A		40,940	(3)	12/31/2010		Common Stock	40,940		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Elrod James W C/O KING PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 501 FIFTH STREET BRISTOL, TN 37620	Chief Legal Officer, Secretary

Signatures

/s/ James W.
Elrod 02/19/2009

__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).
- (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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