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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

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)			
501 FIFTH STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 01/07/2011					below) below) President, Animal Health			
	(Street) 4. If Am Filed(M				e Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
BRISTOL, TN 37620								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									lly Owned		
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deem	ned	3.	4. Securities Acquired		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of		
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution	Date, if	, , , , ,			Securities Form: Direct Indirect				
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Da	av/Vear)	Code (Instr. 8)	(D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially Owned	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
		(Wionan Day) 10	ay/ 1 car)	(Instr. 0)	(msu. 5, 4 and 5)					Following	
						(A) or		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(IIIStr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock (1)	01/07/2011			A	16,720	A	\$0	170,579	D		

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)

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	of ng s	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

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 01/11/2011

**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) Reflects shares of common stock earned in connection with Long Term Performance Units (Three-Year Cycle) awarded under the King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Incentive Plan on March 25, 2008.

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