## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Ad Person <u>*</u> Dickey R		oorting	<ul><li>2. Date of Event R</li><li>Statement</li><li>(Month/Day/Year)</li></ul>		ring 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol HEMISPHERX BIOPHARMA INC [HEB]							
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	06/11/2009		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				
320 WEST N	MERMAIL	) LANE										
	(Street)				(Check all applicable)			6. Individual or Joint/Group				
PHILADEL	PHIA, PA	AÂ 19118			Director 10% Owner X_Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) Senior Vice President			Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		Ben	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	: (Instr. 5) t (D) lirect					
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Т	able II - Der	ivative Secu	rities Beneficially O	wned (e.	g., puts, calls,	warrants, opt	ions, con	vertible	securities)			
1. Title of Deriv (Instr. 4)	vative Securit	Expir	te Exercisable and ration Date (Day/Year) Expiration	Securitie	and Amount of es Underlying ve Security	4. Conversio or Exercis Price of Derivative Security	se Forr Deri e Secu	nership n of ivative urity: ect (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			

Amount or

Number of

Shares

Title

or Indirect

(Instr. 5)

(I)

Exercisable Date

## **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Add</b>	ress	Relationships						
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Dickey Robert IV 320 WEST MERMAID LAI PHILADELPHIA, PA 19		Â	Â	Senior Vice President	Â			
Signatures								
Robert Dickey 0 IV 0	)6/22/2	2009						
<pre>**Signature of Reporting Person</pre>	Date	•						
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

## No securities are beneficially owned

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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