Rodino Peter W. III Form 4 August 01, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

obligations may continue. See Instruction

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Rodino Peter W. III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

HEMISPHERX BIOPHARMA INC

(Check all applicable)

OMB

Number:

Expires:

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Estimated average

burden hours per

[HEB]

(Middle)

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

X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify below)

OMB APPROVAL

3235-0287

January 31,

2005

0.5

17400 STERLING LAKE DRIVE

(Street)

(First)

07/31/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Director

Dir Govt Relations/Sectry 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

FORT MYERS, FL 33967

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(Instr. 4)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year)

Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

7. Title and Amount of

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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

Expiration Exercisable Date

Title Amount or

> Number of Shares

Options

to buy Common Stock (1)

\$ 0.42 07/31/2017

9,700 A

07/31/2017 07/31/2027

Common Stock

9,700

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Rodino Peter W. III 17400 STERLING LAKE DRIVE FORT MYERS, FL 33967

Dir Govt Relations/Sectry

Signatures

Peter W. Rodino **Signature of

08/01/2017 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) This option is being issued in exchange for a voluntary 20% deduction in salary.

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