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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ABEL DOUGLAS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

MANHATTAN

PHARMACEUTICALS INC

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

[MHAN]

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

Other (specify

C/O MANHATTAN

PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 48 WALL STREET, SUITE 1110

(Street)

(First)

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

03/03/2010

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW YORK, NY 10005

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of

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. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

Code V Amount (D) Price

or

55,000 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)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 0.17					<u>(1)</u>	03/25/2018	Common Stock	1,300,000	
Warrant	\$ 0.2					(2)	09/10/2013	Common Stock	24,000	
Stock Options	\$ 0.07	03/03/2010		A(3)	50,000	<u>(4)</u>	03/02/2020	Common Stock	50,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

ABEL DOUGLAS C/O MANHATTAN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 48 WALL STREET, SUITE 1110 NEW YORK, NY 10005



Signatures

/s/ Douglas Abel
03/10/2010

**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) The option vested as to 433,333 shares on March 25, 2008 and as to an additional 433,334 shares on March 25, 2009. The remaining 433,334 shares are scheduled to vest on March 25, 2010.
- (2) The warrants are exercisable immediately.
- (3) On March 3, 2010, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock of Manhattan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. under the 2003 Stock Option Plan.
- (4) The option is scheduled to vest (i) as to 16,667 shares on each of March 3, 2011 and March 3, 2012, and (ii) as to the remaining 16,666 shares on March 3, 2013.

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