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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

A Kauffman Michael G

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

08/16/2006

C/O EPIX

PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 4 MAGUIRE ROAD

(Street)

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EPIX Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [EPIX]

> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner _X_ Director _X__ Officer Other

(give title below) (specify below) Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

LEXINGTON, MAÂ 02421

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Ownership Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

5. 4 Conversion or Exercise Price of

6. Nature of Indirect Ownership Beneficial Ownership Form of (Instr. 5)

(Instr. 4)

Date **Expiration Title** Exercisable Date

Amount or Number of

Derivative Derivative Security: Security Direct (D)

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Shares

or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kauffman Michael G

C/O EPIX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

ÂX

Chief Executive Officer Â

4 MAGUIRE ROAD LEXINGTON, MAÂ 02421

Signatures

/s/ Michael Berdik Attorney-in-Fact

08/18/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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