FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person **ADHEREX TECHNOLOGIES INC** [ ADHXF **Spector Thomas** Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) NA C/O ADHEREX TECHNOLOGIES INC. 08/18/2010 501 EASTOWNE DRIVE, SUITE 140 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable (Street) Form filed by One Reporting Person CHAPEL HILL, NC 27514 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed Execution Date 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities 6. Ownership Form: Direct 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 7. Nature of Transaction Indirect Code (Instr. 8) (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Beneficially Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) Owned Following Reported (A) or (D) . neaction(s) Code Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Common Stock Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0.045 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/18/2010	08/18/2010	A		0		08/18/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/18/2017	Common Stock	17,493,939	\$0	17,493,939	D	
Common Stock Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$2.2 <sup>(2)</sup>							09/24/2007	09/24/2011	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Common Stock Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$1.35 <sup>(2)</sup>							07/01/2006	07/01/2012	Common Stock	60,000		60,000	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The options will vest 100% on the date reported above and were issued in AHX (TSX listed shares).
- 2. in CDN

/s/ Thomas Spector

08/18/2010

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

- \* 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).

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