

AVI BIOPHARMA INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Goolsbee William Alden

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ONE SW COLUMBIA, SUITE 1105
(Street)

PORTLAND, OR 97258

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AVI BIOPHARMA INC [AVII]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/20/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | 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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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| | Derivative Security | | or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | | Code | V (A) (D) | | | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.55 | 05/20/2008 | A | 20,000 | 06/20/2008 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/20/2018 | Common Stock |
| Long Calls (right to buy) | \$ 5 | | | | 08/24/2007 | 01/16/2009 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 2.83 | | | | 10/29/2008 ⁽³⁾ | 10/29/2017 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Goolsbee William Alden ONE SW COLUMBIA, SUITE 1105 PORTLAND, OR 97258 | X | | | |

Signatures

By: Mark M Webber, Attorney-in-fact For: William Alden Goolsbee 05/21/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) Option Grant vests monthly until all shares are vested one year from date of grant.
- (2) Price not required on initial report of stock option granted.
- (3) Vesting: 25% of the shares vest each year from the date of grant with all shares vesting in four years.

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