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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] KLEIN JOSEPH III | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ISIS PHARMACEUTICALS INC</u> [ISIS] | | tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|---|-----------------------|--|
| | (First) NCE PHARMAC | (Middle) EUTICALS INC | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2006 | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | |
| FIVE SCIENCE PARK | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applica Line) | | | |
| (Street) NEW HAVEN | СТ | 06511 | | X | Form filed by One Report Form filed by More than (Person | • | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | |

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) | Code (Instr. | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---|---|---|
| | | | Code V | | Amount | (A) or (D) Price | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 08/01/2006 | 08/01/2006 | P ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,000 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ <mark>6</mark> | 16,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 100 | Ι | By son |

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. Transa Code (8) | | of | | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/M | 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 | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The purchase reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on 12-13-05.

Remarks:

/s/B. Lynne Parshall, Attorney-08/03/2006

<u>in-Fact</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).

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