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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 * Sabat John R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AKORN INC [AKN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
2500 MILLBROOK DRIVE		E	(Month/Day/Year) 01/13/2006	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr VP, National Accounts		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative Se	curitie	es Acqı	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securitie on(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4)	osed o	of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/13/2006		C	152,606	A	(1)	176,435 (2)	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)

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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)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4)	e s Acquired sposed of	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Secu
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An Nu Sha
Series A Preferred Stock	\$ 0.75 (4)	12/31/2004		<u>J(3)</u>	\$ 1,590		<u>(6)</u>	10/31/2011 <u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	2
Series A Preferred Stock	\$ 0.75 (4)	03/31/2005		<u>J(3)</u>	\$ 1,614		<u>(6)</u>	10/31/2011(5)	Common Stock	2
Series A Preferred Stock	\$ 0.75 (4)	06/30/2005		<u>J(3)</u>	\$ 1,639		<u>(6)</u>	10/31/2011(5)	Common Stock	2
Series A Preferred Stock	\$ 0.75 (4)	09/30/2005		<u>J(3)</u>	\$ 1,663		<u>(6)</u>	10/31/2011(5)	Common Stock	2
Series A Preferred Stock	\$ 0.75 (4)	12/31/2005		<u>J(3)</u>	\$ 1,688		<u>(6)</u>	10/31/2011(5)	Common Stock	2
Series A Preferred Stock	\$ 0.75 (4)	01/13/2006		C		\$ 114,455	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	15

Reporting Owners

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

Sabat John R

2500 MILLBROOK DRIVE BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089 Sr VP, National Accounts

Signatures

John R Sabat 01/18/2006

**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).
- On January 13, 2006, the reporting person was issued 152,606 shares of Akorn Common Stock upon the automatic conversion of his

 1,000 shares of Series A 6% Convertible Preferred Stock with a \$100 per share stated value plus accrued and unpaid dividends of \$14,455 at a conversion price equal to \$0.75 per share of common stock.

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- (2) Includes additional purchases of Akorn Common Stock through Akorn's Employee Stock Purchase Plan of 524 shares on July 1, 2005, 603 shares on October 1, 2005, and 481 shares on January 3, 2006.
- (3) Voluntary reporting of dividend resulting from existing Series A 6% Participating Convertible Preferred Stock ownership.
- (4) Subject to adjustment.
- (5) Mandatory Redemption on this date.
- (6) Immediately

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