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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Trellus Management Company, LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

ELITE PHARMACEUTICALS INC /DE/ [ELTP]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

12/11/2009

Director Officer (give title

_X__ 10% Owner __ Other (specify

350 MADISON AVENUE, 9TH

(Street)

FLOOR,

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit corr Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of	` ′	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	12/11/2009		S	5,000 (1)	D	\$ 0.11	24,586,777 (2)	I	See footnote (3) (4)
Common Stock	12/14/2009		S	35,000 (5)	D	\$ 0.11	24,551,777 (6)	I	See footnote (3) (4)
Common Stock	12/15/2009		S	10,000 (7)	D	\$ 0.11	24,541,777 (8)	I	See footnote (3) (4)
Common	12/16/2009		S	85,000	D	\$	24,456,777	I	See

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Stock			<u>(9)</u>		0.1108	(10)		footnote (3) (4)
Common Stock	12/21/2009	S	55,000 (11)	D	\$ 0.105	24,401,777 (12)	I	See footnote (3) (4)

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 Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	, ,	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Trellus Management Company, LLC 350 MADISON AVENUE, 9TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		X				
TRELLUS PARTNERS LP 350 MADISON AVENUE, 9TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		X				
Trellus Offshore Fund Ltd 350 MADISON AVENUE, 9TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		X				
Usdan Adam C/O TRELLUS MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC 350 MADISON AVENUE, 9TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		X				

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Signatures

/s/ Anthony G. Miller, Chief Financial Officer of Trellus Management Company, LLC					
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date				
/s/ Anthony G. Miller, Chief Financial Officer of Trellus Partners, L.P.					
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date				
/s/ Adam Usdan, Director of Trellus Offshore Fund Limited					
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date				
/s/ Adam Usdan	12/23/2009				
**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 December 11, 2009, Trellus Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("TPLP") sold 3,400 shares of Common Stock short

 (1) against the box and Trellus Offshore Fund Limited, a Cayman Islands limited liability company ("TOF") sold 1,600 shares of Common Stock short against the box.
 - On December 11, 2009, following the reported transaction, TPLP owned 13,230,479 shares of Common Stock and held warrants to acquire 3,291,426 shares of Common Stock and TOF owned 6,486,132 shares of Common Stock and held warrants to acquire 1,377,758
- (2) shares of Common Stock. Trellus Management Company, LLC ("Trellus") and Mr. Usdan each beneficially owned the Common Stock and warrants owned by TPLP and TOF and in addition held indirect beneficial ownership of an additional 167,103 shares of Common Stock and additional warrants to acquire 33,879 shares of Common Stock.
- Trellus is the investment adviser to TPLP and TOF. Adam Usdan is the controlling principal and chief investment officer of Trellus. By reason of their investment discretion, Trellus and Mr. Usdan are reported herein as indirect beneficial owners of the securities held, acquired, and sold short against the box by TPLP and TOF (as described in footnotes (5) and (6)).
- (4) Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.
- (5) On December 14, 2009, TPLP sold 23,300 shares of Common Stock short against the box and TOF sold 11,700 shares of Common Stock short against the box.
 - On December 14, 2009, following the reported transaction, TPLP owned 13,207,179 shares of Common Stock and held warrants to acquire 3,291,426 shares of Common Stock and TOF owned 6,474,432 shares of Common Stock and held warrants to acquire 1,377,758
- (6) shares of Common Stock. Trellus and Mr. Usdan each beneficially owned the Common Stock and warrants owned by TPLP and TOF and in addition held indirect beneficial ownership of an additional 167,103 shares of Common Stock and additional warrants to acquire 33,879 shares of Common Stock.
- (7) On December 15, 2009, TPLP sold 6,700 shares of Common Stock short against the box and TOF sold 3,300 shares of Common Stock short against the box.
 - On December 15, 2009, following the reported transaction, TPLP owned 13,200,479 shares of Common Stock and held warrants to acquire 3,291,426 shares of Common Stock and TOF owned 6,471,132 shares of Common Stock and held warrants to acquire 1,377,758
- (8) shares of Common Stock. Trellus and Mr. Usdan each beneficially owned the Common Stock and warrants owned by TPLP and TOF and in addition held indirect beneficial ownership of an additional 167,103 shares of Common Stock and additional warrants to acquire 33,879 shares of Common Stock.
- (9) On December 16, 2009, TPLP sold 56,600 shares of Common Stock short against the box and TOF sold 28,400 shares of Common Stock short against the box.
 - On December 16, 2009, following the reported transaction, TPLP owned 13,143,879 shares of Common Stock and held warrants to acquire 3,291,426 shares of Common Stock and TOF owned 6,442,732 shares of Common Stock and held warrants to acquire 1,377,758
- (10) shares of Common Stock. Trellus and Mr. Usdan each beneficially owned the Common Stock and warrants owned by TPLP and TOF and in addition held indirect beneficial ownership of an additional 167,103 shares of Common Stock and additional warrants to acquire 33,879 shares of Common Stock.
- On December 21, 2009, TPLP sold 38,600 shares of Common Stock short against the box and TOF sold 16,400 shares of Common Stock short against the box.

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On December 21, 2009, following the reported transaction, TPLP owned 13,105,279 shares of Common Stock and held warrants to acquire 3,291,426 shares of Common Stock and TOF owned 6,426,332 shares of Common Stock and held warrants to acquire 1,377,758

(12) shares of Common Stock. Trellus and Mr. Usdan each beneficially owned the Common Stock and warrants owned by TPLP and TOF and in addition held indirect beneficial ownership of an additional 167,103 shares of Common Stock and additional warrants to acquire 33,879 shares of Common Stock.

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