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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Plooster Matthew R</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O KEMPHARM, INC.</u> <u>2500 CROSSPARK ROAD, SUITE E126</u>  (Street) <u>CORALVILLE IA 52241</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>KEMPHARM, INC [ KMPH ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/22/2018</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

**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)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$6.1 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/22/2018		A		15,000 <sup>(2)</sup>			<sup>(3)</sup>	05/21/2028	Common Stock	15,000	\$0	15,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The exercise price is equal to the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on the Nasdaq Global Market on the date of grant, May 22, 2018.
- This grant was awarded as compensation for the Reporting Person's service on the Issuer's board of directors pursuant to the Issuer's non-employee director compensation policy.
- One hundred percent (100%) of the shares subject to the option shall vest on the earlier of (i) the first anniversary of the date of grant, (ii) one day prior to the date of the first annual meeting of the Issuer's stockholders following the date of grant or (iii) immediately prior to a change in control of the Issuer, subject in each case to the Reporting Person's continued service on such vesting date.

/s/ Timothy J. Sangiovanni,  
Attorney-in-Fact for Matthew R. Plooster 05/24/2018

\*\* 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).

\*\* 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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