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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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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>Mickle Christal M M</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O KEMPHARM, INC. 2500 CROSSPARK ROAD, SUITE E126  (Street) CORALVILLE IA 52241  (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)  Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP, Operations &amp; Product Dvlp.</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/27/2017</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)	\$3.55	01/27/2017		A		30,000		(1)	01/26/2027	Common Stock	30,000	\$0	30,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$3.55	01/27/2017		A		225,000		(2)	01/26/2027	Common Stock	225,000	\$0	225,000	I	By Spouse

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Grant to the Reporting Person of a stock option under the Issuer's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). 25% of the shares will vest on January 27, 2018 and the remaining 75% of the shares will vest in equal annual installments thereafter, provided that at the relevant vesting dates such optionee's employment relationship has not been terminated as defined in the Plan. All shares underlying the option will vest in full and become immediately exercisable upon a change of control of the Issuer or if the Reporting Person is terminated without cause or resigns for good reason. The option expires ten years after the date of grant.
- Grant to the Reporting Person's spouse of a stock option under the Plan. 25% of the shares will vest on January 27, 2018 and the remaining 75% of the shares will vest in equal annual installments thereafter, provided that at the relevant vesting dates such optionee's employment relationship has not been terminated as defined in the Plan. All shares underlying the option will vest in full and become immediately exercisable upon a change of control of the Issuer or if the Reporting Person's spouse is terminated without cause or resigns for good reason. The option expires ten years after the date of grant.

/s/ Christal M.M. Mickle 01/31/2017

\*\* 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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