

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BARRETT M JAMES (Last) (First) (Middle) 1954 GREENSPRING DRIVE SUITE 600 (Street) TIMONIUM MD 21093 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TARGACEPT INC [TRGT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/03/2013	
	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			
Common Stock	12/03/2013		M		7,500	A	\$2.71	7,500	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2013		M		7,500	A	\$4.16	15,000	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2013		S		15,000	D	\$5.3836 ⁽¹⁾	0	D	
Common Stock	12/05/2013		S		1,000	D	\$5.131 ⁽²⁾	0	I	See Note 3 ⁽³⁾
Common Stock								4,563,512	I	See Note 4 ⁽⁴⁾

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
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$2.71	12/03/2013		M		7,500		06/17/2010	06/16/2019	Common Stock	7,500	\$0	0	D	
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$4.16	12/03/2013		M		7,500		06/07/2013	06/06/2022	Common Stock	7,500	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$5.30 to \$5.43, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote (1) to this Form 4.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$5.13 to \$5.14, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote (2) to this Form 4.
- The Reporting Person is a member of New Enterprise Associates, LLC, which is the sole owner of New Enterprise Associates, Inc. (formerly NEA Development Corp.), the beneficial owner of the shares. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership, within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise of such portion of the shares of the Issuer held by New Enterprise Associates, Inc. in which the Reporting Person has no pecuniary interest.
- The Reporting Person is a general partner of NEA Partners 10, Limited Partnership, which is the sole general partner of New Enterprise Associates 10, Limited Partnership, ("NEA 10") the direct beneficial owner of the shares. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise of such portion of the shares of the Issuer held by NEA 10 in which the Reporting Person has no pecuniary interest.

/s/ Sasha Keough, attorney-in-fact 12/05/2013

** 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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