

AVI BIOPHARMA INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
EASTBOURNE CAPITAL
MANAGEMENT LLC/CA

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1101 FIFTH AVENUE, SUITE 370

(Street)

SAN RAFAEL, CA 94901

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AVI BIOPHARMA INC [AVII]

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed
(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner
___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	03/04/2010		S	V	4,094,646	D	D
					\$ 5,659,211 ⁽²⁾		
					1.24 ⁽³⁾		

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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EASTBOURNE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC/CA 1101 FIFTH AVENUE SUITE 370 SAN RAFAEL, CA 94901		X		

Signatures

Eric Sippel 03/08/2010
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Eastbourne Capital Management, L.L.C. ("Eastbourne") is the general partner or manager and investment adviser of investment funds that hold these securities directly on behalf of those funds' investors. Richard Jon Barry is Eastbourne's manager and controlling person. Eastbourne and Mr. Barry hold these securities indirectly in their capacity as investment adviser and control person, respectively. Eastbourne is filing this Form 4 on behalf of itself and Mr. Barry, jointly, but not as members of a group, and each of them disclaims membership in a group, within the meaning of Rule 13d-5(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. In addition, each of them disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

The shares of Common Stock reported hereon includes shares of Common Stock issuable on the exercise of Warrants held by the Filers, which are exercisable less than sixty days after the date hereof. The Warrants provide that the number of shares of Common Stock that may be acquired by the Warrantholders upon any exercise of Warrants shall be limited to the extent necessary to ensure that, following

(2) such exercise, the total number of shares of Common Stock then beneficially owned by such Warrantholder and its affiliates and any other persons whose beneficial ownership of Common Stock would be aggregated with the Warrantholder's for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, does not exceed 4.99% of the total number of issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock (including for such purpose the shares of Common Stock issuable upon such exercise)(the "Beneficial Ownership Limitation"). (Continued below)

(3) For such purposes, beneficial ownership shall be determined in accordance with Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. By written notice to the Issuer a Warrantholder may increase such limitation percentage to 9.99%.

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