

PHILLIPS RICHARD BENTON

Form 4

February 14, 2012

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PHILLIPS RICHARD BENTON

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PUMA BIOTECHNOLOGY,
INC., 10880 WILSHIRE BLVD.,
SUITE 2150

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
PUMA BIOTECHNOLOGY, INC.
[NONE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/13/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Sr VP Reg Affairs & QA

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ 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 |

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. D S (I |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|-----------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.75 | 02/13/2012 | | A | 90,000 | <u>(1)</u> 02/13/2022 | Common Stock | 90,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|----------------------------------|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| PHILLIPS RICHARD BENTON C/O PUMA BIOTECHNOLOGY, INC. 10880 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 2150 LOS ANGELES, CA 90024 | Sr VP Reg Affairs & QA |

Signatures

/s/ Richard B.
Phillips

02/13/2012

__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).

(1) The vesting commencement date ("Vesting Commencement Date") of the option is November 1, 2011. The option vests (i) with respect to one-third (1/3) of the shares underlying the option on the first anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date and (ii) with respect to 1/36th of the shares underlying the option, on each monthly anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service with the Issuer.

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