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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mieyal Paul A

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Nile Therapeutics, Inc. [NTLX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/23/2008

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

C/O WEXFORD CAPITAL LLC. 411 WEST PUTNAM **AVENUE SUITE 125**

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

GREENWICH, CT 06830

(State) (Zip) (City) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(A)

or

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative

(Instr. 3)

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactiorDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.93	12/23/2008		A	25,000	(1)	12/22/2018	Common Stock	25,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mieyal Paul A C/O WEXFORD CAPITAL LLC 411 WEST PUTNAM AVENUE SUITE 125 GREENWICH, CT 06830



Signatures

Paul A. Mieyal 01/22/2009

**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) 100% of the shares subject to the option shall vest and become exercisable on January 1, 2010.

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