

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Byrd Scott A.</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O CADENCE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.</u> <u>12481 HIGH BLUFF DRIVE, STE 200</u>  (Street) <u>SAN DIEGO CA 92130</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CADENCE PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ CADX ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>SVP, Chief Commercial Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/19/2014</u>	
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	03/19/2014		U		2,000	D	\$14	0	D	

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)	\$11	03/19/2014		D			125,000	(1)	07/14/2019	common stock	125,000	\$3	0	D	
stock option (right to buy)	\$9.22	03/19/2014		D			8,000	(1)	03/25/2020	common stock	8,000	\$4.78	0	D	
stock option (right to buy)	\$9.22	03/19/2014		D			240,000	(1)	03/25/2020	common stock	240,000	\$4.78	0	D	
stock option (right to buy)	\$8.55	03/19/2014		D			80,000	(1)	03/16/2021	common stock	80,000	\$5.45	0	D	
stock option (right to buy)	\$3.51	03/19/2014		D			70,314	(1)	03/14/2022	common stock	70,314	\$10.49	0	D	
stock option (right to buy)	\$5.4	03/19/2014		D			100,000	(1)	03/13/2023	common stock	100,000	\$8.6	0	D	
restricted stock unit	\$0.00	03/19/2014		D			100,000	(2)	(2)	common stock	100,000	\$14	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- In connection with the merger of Cadence Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Cadence") with Madison Merger Sub, Inc. ("Merger Sub") on March 19, 2014, and pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") by and among Cadence, Mallinckrodt plc ("Parent") and Merger Sub, dated February 10, 2014, this option became fully vested and was automatically canceled and terminated and the holder became entitled to receive an amount in cash, without interest and less the amount of any tax withholding, equal to the product of (a) the number of shares of common stock of Cadence underlying such option multiplied by (b) the excess, if any, of \$14.00 (the "Offer Price") over the exercise price per share of such option.
- Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, these restricted stock units were converted into a right to receive a cash payment upon vesting equal to the product of the Offer Price, without interest, and the number of shares of Cadence common stock subject to this grant (the "Converted Award"). The Converted Award will vest in accordance with the original vesting schedule of the restricted stock units, subject to accelerated vesting upon the earlier to occur of (a) September 11, 2014 or (b) certain terminations of the reporting person's employment as set forth in the Merger Agreement.

Remarks:

/s/ Hazel M. Aker, Attorney-in-fact 03/21/2014

\*\* 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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