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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>TURKEL CATHERINE C.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O NOVUS THERAPEUTICS, INC.</u> <u>19900 MACARTHUR BLVD., SUITE 550</u> (Street) <u>IRVINE CA 92612</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Novus Therapeutics, Inc. [NVUS]</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>President</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/13/2018</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 | 03/13/2018 | | A | | 20,000 | A | \$0.00 ⁽¹⁾ | 44,519 | 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) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$4.83 | 03/13/2018 | | A | | 24,000 | | (2) | 03/13/2028 | Common Stock | 24,000 | \$0.00 | 24,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- This represents restricted stock units representing the right to receive shares of the Issuer's Common Stock, which will vest in full on the later of achievement of a performance-related goal or the first anniversary of the grant date.
- This option represents a right to purchase a total of 24,000 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock, one quarter of which will become fully vested and exercisable on March 13, 2019, with the remaining 18,000 shares vesting in equal monthly installments over the following three years, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service to the Issuer through each vesting date.

Remarks:

/s/ Ryan A. Murr, as attorney-in-fact for Catherine C. Turkel 03/15/2018

** 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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