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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Kuwahara Jon</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>See Remarks</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		11,250	A	\$0.00 <sup>(1)</sup>	11,250	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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$4.83	03/13/2018		A		12,000		(2)	03/13/2028	Common Stock	12,000	\$0.00	12,000	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 12,000 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock, one quarter of which will become fully vested and exercisable on March 13, 2019, with the remaining 9,000 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:**

Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration

/s/ Ryan A. Murr, as attorney-in-fact for Jon Kuwahara 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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