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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Higgins Michael J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 IRONWOOD  
 PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
 [IRWD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Operating Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/02/2011

C/O IRONWOOD  
 PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 301  
 BINNEY STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class B Common Stock	09/02/2011		M		\$ 16,666	A	0.6 141,666 D
Class B Common Stock	09/02/2011		M		\$ 50,000	A	0.6 191,666 D

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)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.6	09/02/2011		M	16,666	<u>(1)</u> 07/15/2013	Class B Common Stock	16,666
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.6	09/02/2011		M	50,000	<u>(2)</u> 03/01/2015	Class B Common Stock	50,000

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Higgins Michael J  
C/O IRONWOOD PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.  
301 BINNEY STREET  
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

Chief Operating Officer

## Signatures

/s/ Michael J.  
Higgins

09/06/2011

\*\*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 option vested in installments upon the issuer's achievement of certain market capitalization, financing and clinical milestones. The milestones were met, and the option was fully vested as of December 31, 2006.

(2) The option vested as to 1.25% of the shares of Class B Common Stock on each monthly anniversary of January 1, 2005 for the first 36 months, and as to 4.5833% of the shares of Class B Common Stock on each monthly anniversary thereafter. The option was fully vested as of January 1, 2009.

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