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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* KIM DENNIS D | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CymaBay Therapeutics, Inc.</u> [CBAY] | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | |
|--|---------------|----------------|---|-----------|---|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| I | | , , | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/13/2023 | X | Officer (give title below) Chief Medica | Other (specify below) | | | |
| 7575 GATEWAY BLVD., SUITE 110 (Street) NEWARK CA 94560 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indivi | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Persor | | | | |
| (City) | CA (State) | 94560 (Zip) | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. | | | | | | |

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. Transac Code (Ir 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|---|---|---------------|-------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 04/13/2023 | | M | | 7,781 | A | \$4.37 | 27,781 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/13/2023 | | S | | 7,781 | D | \$8.9809(1) | 20,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/17/2023 | | M | | 112,219 | A | \$4.37 | 132,219 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/17/2023 | | S | | 112,219 | D | \$9.5397(2) | 20,000 | 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. Transac Code (In 8) | | n Derivative | | | | 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 | 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 | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$4.37 | 04/13/2023 | | М | | | 7,781 | (3) | 05/16/2031 | Common Stock | 7,781 | \$0 | 282,119 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$4.37 | 04/17/2023 | | М | | | 112,219 | (3) | 05/16/2031 | Common Stock | 112,219 | \$0 | 169,900 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$8.98 to \$8.985, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to CymaBay Therapeutics, Inc., any security holder of CymaBay Therapeutics, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- 2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$9.30 to \$9.80, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to CymaBay Therapeutics, Inc., any security holder of CymaBay Therapeutics, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth
- 3. The original option grant vested as to 1/4 of the underlying shares on May 17, 2022 and vests as to 1/48 of the underlying shares monthly thereafter.

/s/ Paul Quinlan, as attorney-in-04/17/2023 fact for Dennis D. Kim

** 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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