

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)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * von Emster Kurt | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CymaBay Therapeutics, Inc. [CBAY] | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CYMABAY THERAPEUTICS, INC., 7999 GATEWAY BLVD, SUITE 130 | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/20/2015 | | | | | |
| (Street) NEWARK, CA 94560 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 | 07/20/2015 | | P | | 1,600,000 (1) | A | \$ 2.81 | 1,600,000 (1) | I | See footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 17,326 | I | By The Konrad Hans von Emster III and Elizabeth F. von Emster Revocable Trust dated January 18, 2005 |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| von Emster Kurt C/O CYMABAY THERAPEUTICS, INC. 7999 GATEWAY BLVD, SUITE 130 NEWARK, CA 94560 | X | | | |

Signatures

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| /s/ Sujal Shah, by power of attorney | | 07/21/2015 |
| 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) Consists of (i) 533,333 shares held by Abingworth Bioventures VI, LP ("ABV VI"), and (ii) 1,066,667 shares held by Abingworth Bioequities Master Fund Limited ("ABE," and collectively with ABV VI, the "Abingworth Funds").

Abingworth LLP ("ALLP") provides advisory services to the Abingworth Funds. Kurt von Emster ("Emster") is a member of ALLP. Emster may be deemed the indirect beneficial owner of the shares through his indirect interest in the Abingworth Funds. Emster disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares except to the extent, if any, of his pecuniary interest therein. This report shall not be deemed an admission that ALLP, the Abingworth Funds, Emster or any other person is the beneficial owner of the securities reported herein for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

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