#### HEMISPHERX BIOPHARMA INC

Form 5

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## FORM 5

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Form 4

(City)

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PETERSON ROBERT E			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			HEMISPHERX BIOPHARMA INC [HEB]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2007	Director 10% Owner Self-up of the control of the			
3232 W. 72N	ND STREET			Clo			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting			
				(check applicable line)			
TULSA, O	KÂ 74132			_X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person			

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Acquired (A) or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned at end	Indirect (I)	Ownership
				(A)	of Issuer's	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				(A)	Fiscal Year		
				or	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Amount (D) Price			

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(State)

(Zip)

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securiti
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr 8)	Acquired (A) or		

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	Derivative Security				Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Share
Options	\$ 2.37	01/23/2007	Â	A4	13,750	Â	01/23/2007	01/23/2017	Common Stock	13,1
Options	\$ 2	09/10/2007	Â	A4	200,000	Â	09/10/2007	09/09/2017	Common Stock	200,

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PETERSON ROBERT E 3232 W. 72ND STREET TULSA, OK 74132	Â	Â	CFO	Â			

# **Signatures**

Robert Peterson 03/04/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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