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Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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ISSUER

PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT INC

CIK: **1003124** | IRS No.: **561640186** | State of Incorporation: **NC** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **8731** Commercial physical & biological research

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REPORTING OWNER

MARIO ERNEST

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Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **000-27570** | Film No.: **05789970**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person MARIO ERNEST			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT INC [PPDI]			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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/29/2005			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		
20 GREENHOUSE DRIVE			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) PRINCETON, NJ 08540								
(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	04/29/2005		S		1,619	D	\$46	477,542 ⁽¹⁾	I	See Footnote (1) below
Common Stock								317,006 ⁽²⁾	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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

- Shares sold were held by the Reporting Person's spouse, Mildred Mario. Following the transaction reported herein, Dr. Mario holds 477,542 shares of PPDI stock indirectly as follows: 191,366 held by spouse, Mildred Mario; 6,700 in Mildred Mario Annuity Trust; 6,700 in Ernest Mario Annuity Trust; 272,776 in Mario Family Partnership.

2. The Reporting Person also owns stock options to purchase 47,000 shares of PPDI stock.

Signatures

Lisa C. Noecker attorney-in-fact for Ernest Mario

** Signature of Reporting Person

05/02/2005

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).

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