ATHERSYS, INC / NEW Form 4

March 19, 2015

# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Van Bokkelen Gil		orting Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ATHERSYS, INC / NEW [ATHX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE		NUE	03/17/2015	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chmn & Chief Executive Officer		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
CLEVELAND, OH 44115				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(======================================	
Common Stock	03/17/2015		F	1,895 (1)	D	\$ 3.07	893,733	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2015		F	19,027 (2)	D	\$ 3.09	874,706	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2015		S	4,750 (3)	D	\$ 3.0754 (4)	869,956	D	
Common Stock	03/19/2015		S	4,750 (3)	D	\$ 3.1221 (5)	865,206 (6)	D	

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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.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	tionNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	) Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities	;		(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration		or	
						Exercisable	Date		Number	
				~					of	
				Code \	V (A) (D)				Shares	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships
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	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Van Bokkelen Gil 3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44115	X		Chmn & Chief Executive Officer	

## **Signatures**

/s/ Laura K. Campbell, as attorney-in-fact for Gil Van
Bokkelen
03/19/2015

\*\*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) Shares withheld from the quarterly vesting of a June 2014 restricted stock unit award related to the minimum tax withholding obligation.
- (2) Shares withheld from the quarterly vesting of a June 2013 restricted stock unit award related to the minimum tax withholding obligation.
- (3) Shares sold pursuant to a predefined Rule 10b5-1 trading plan solely related to the tax obligation on the quarterly vesting of a June 2013 restricted stock unit award.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$3.02 (4) to \$3.13, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted solely related to the tax obligation.

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- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$3.06 (5) to \$3.20, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted solely related to the tax obligation.
- Securities beneficially owned are comprised of: (1) 500,596 shares of common stock owned, (2) unvested 289,600 restricted stock units awarded in June 2013 related to the termination of 2005 incentive agreements that will vest ratably on a quarterly basis through June 18, 2016, and (3) unvested restricted stock units awarded on an annual basis amounting to 75,010 that vest quarterly over a four-year period from grant date.

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