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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Manzo Louis</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS, INC.</u> <u>8840 WILSHIRE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR</u> (Street) <u>BEVERLY HILLS CA</u> <u>90211</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS, INC. [CAPR]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/23/2017</u> | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | |

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 | 10/23/2017 ⁽¹⁾ | | M | | 20,748 | A | \$0.16 | 159,132 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 638,155 | I ⁽²⁾ | By Coniston Corporation |

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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$0.16 | 10/23/2017 | | M | | | 20,748 | (3) | 10/31/2017 | Common Stock | 20,748 | \$0 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- On October 23, 2017, the Reporting Person exercised stock options for 20,748 shares of Common Stock. The exercise price was \$0.16 per share and the exercise was subject to the terms and conditions of a Stock Option Award which was granted on November 1, 2007 under the Company's 2006 Stock Option Plan.
- 638,155 shares of common stock of the Issuer are beneficially owned by Coniston Corporation. The equity securities of Coniston Corporation are held by the Reporting Person and irrevocable trusts for the benefit of the children of the Reporting Person of which the Reporting Person is not the trustee. The Reporting Person has sole voting power over Coniston Corporation and therefore may be deemed to have sole voting and dispositive power with respect to all securities of the Issuer beneficially owned by Coniston Corporation.
- 25% of the shares subject to the Reporting Person's stock option became exercisable on each of the following dates: (1) February 1, 2008; (2) May 1, 2008; (3) August 1, 2008; and (4) November 1, 2008.

/s/ Linda Marban, as Attorney-in-Fact 10/24/2017

** 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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