FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* HAYWOOD GEORGE WEAVER						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVI BIOPHARMA INC [AVII]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title X Other (specify below) See remarks below					
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MOOMJIAN, WAITE, WACTLAR & COLEMAN						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/21/2009													
LLP, 100 JERICHO QUADRANGLE, SUITE 225						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) JERICHO NY 11753					_									X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	ty) (State) (Zip)																		
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
Date				2. Trans Date (Month/			2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (In	Transaction Code (Instr.		ities Acquiro d Of (D) (Ins	ed (A) or str. 3, 4 and !	Beneficia Owned F	s ally ollowing	Form	: Direct Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) o (D)	Price	Transact	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 08/21					1/20	/2009			P		450,00	00 A	\$1.39	7,78	7,783,717		D		
Common Stock 08/25					.5/20	09					30,00	00 A	\$1.35	7,81	7,813,717		D		
Common Stock 08/2				5/20	09			P		400,00	00 A	(1)	8,213,717			D			
Common Stock														1,42	6,953			By Spouse	
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)														1					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y	ate, Tr	Code (I		Derivative Securities Acquired or Dispos	Derivative Ex Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr.		. Date Exercisa xpiration Date Month/Day/Year		of Securities		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				С	Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)				
Warrants (right to buy)	\$1.78	08/25/2009			P		400,000		02/25/2010	08	8/25/2014	Common Stock	160,000	(1)	400,00	00	D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. The reported securities are included within 400,000 Units purchased by the Reporting Person for \$1.42 per Unit. Each Unit consists of one share of common stock and one warrant to purchase 0.40 of a share of common stock of the Issuer.

Due to dilution from public offering by Issuer, Mr. Haywood is no longer a 10% Owner.

/s/ George W. Haywood 08/25/2009

** 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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