

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>MILE MELINDA G</u>     | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>07/24/2011</u> | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>AVI BIOPHARMA INC [ AVII ]</u>   |   |
|   |  | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br>Director _____ 10% Owner _____<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____<br><u>Controller and PAO</u> | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>3450 MONTE VILLA PARKWAY, SUITE 101</u> |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (Street)<br><u>BOTHELL WA 98021</u>                                   |  |  |   |
| (City) (State) (Zip)  |  |  |   |

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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## Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) |                            | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|--|--|---|
|  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |   |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | (1)  | 05/18/2019      | Common Stock  | 13,333                     | 1  | D  |   |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | (2)  | 02/08/2020      | Common Stock  | 11,666                     | 1.49   | D  |   |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 13,333 shares underlying the option will vest on 5/18/2012.
- 5,833 shares underlying the option will vest on 2/8/2012 and the remaining 5,833 shares underlying the option will vest on 2/8/2013.

Melinda Miles07/29/2011

\*\* 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 5 (b)(v).

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