Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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	ame and Address of Reporting Person*  gzell Hans Lennart Rudolf					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVI BIOPHARMA INC [ AVII ]									elationship eck all applic Directo	cable)	g Pers	son(s) to Iss 10% Ov	
(Last) 3450 MC	,	irst) LA PARKWAY,	(Middle) SUITE 10:	1	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/21/2011										below)			Other (s below)	
(Street) BOTHELL WA 98021  (City) (State) (Zip)				_	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tab	le I - Nor	ı-Deriv	vativ	e Se	curities	Acc	quired, [	Disp	osed c	f, or E	ene	ficiall	y Owned				
Dat		Date	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)			rities Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar			5. Amou Securitie Benefici Owned F Reported	es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amount	(A)	or	Price	Transact (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(1130.4)
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 06/				06/2	21/201	/2011			A		5,000 A		A	\$0	5,	,000		D	
		-	Table II -						ired, Di						Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)		of		6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year			of Secu Underly Derivat		tle and Amount ecurities erlying vative Security tr. 3 and 4)		9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e s lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Stock Option (right to	\$1.41	06/21/2011			A		30,000		(2)	0	6/21/2021	Commo Stock		0,000	\$0	30,000	0	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Grant of restricted stock which vests on the earlier of (a) the anniversary date of the grant and (b) the date of the 2012 annual meeting of shareholders.
- 2. This option will vest on the earlier of (a) the anniversary date of the grant and (b) the date of the 2012 annual meeting of shareholders.

By: Melinda Miles For: Hans Wigzell

06/22/2011

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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