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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Higgins Michael J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 IRONWOOD
 PHARMACEUTICALS INC
 [IRWD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Chief Operating Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 09/02/2011

C/O IRONWOOD
 PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 301
 BINNEY STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class B Common Stock	09/02/2011		M	A	\$ 16,666	141,666	D
Class B Common Stock	09/02/2011		M	A	\$ 50,000	191,666	D

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

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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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.6	09/02/2011		M	16,666	<u>(1)</u> 07/15/2013		Class B Common Stock	16,666
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.6	09/02/2011		M	50,000	<u>(2)</u> 03/01/2015		Class B Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Higgins Michael J
C/O IRONWOOD PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
301 BINNEY STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

/s/ Michael J.
Higgins

09/06/2011

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The option vested in installments upon the issuer's achievement of certain market capitalization, financing and clinical milestones. The milestones were met, and the option was fully vested as of December 31, 2006.

(2) The option vested as to 1.25% of the shares of Class B Common Stock on each monthly anniversary of January 1, 2005 for the first 36 months, and as to 4.5833% of the shares of Class B Common Stock on each monthly anniversary thereafter. The option was fully vested as of January 1, 2009.

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