FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address FREER RICH	of Reporting Person*		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMONWEALTH BIOTECHNOLOGIES		ionship of Reporting Person(s) all applicable)	to Issuer			
			INC [CBTE]	X	Director	10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2004	x	Officer (give title below) Chairman	Other (specify below)			
(Street)			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					
RICHMOND	VA	23235			Form filed by More than One				
(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)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	 Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/15/2004		М		17,700	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	75,366	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2004		S		17,700	D	\$ <u>6.8</u>	57,666	D	

 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		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (In	Transaction Derivative Code (Instr. Securities		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)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Stock Options	\$3.85	03/15/2004		М			17,700	01/01/2002	11/09/2011	Common Stock	17,700	\$0	163,924	D	

Explanation of Responses:

/s/Bradley A. Haneberg, As Attorney-in-Fact

03/16/2004

** 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).

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