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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Adcock Richard</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O NANTKWEST, INC.</u> <u>3530 JOHN HOPKINS COURT</u> _____ (Street) <u>SAN DIEGO CA 92121</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NantKwest, Inc. [NK]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/05/2021</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/05/2021		M		150,000	A	\$0.00	150,000	D	
Common Stock	02/05/2021		F		68,171	D	\$23.72	81,829	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	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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	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				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$23.72	02/05/2021		A		750,000		(2)	02/05/2031	Common Stock	750,000	\$0.00	750,000	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/05/2021		A		250,000		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	250,000	\$0.00	250,000	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/05/2021		A		150,000		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	150,000	\$0.00	150,000	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/05/2021		M		150,000		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	150,000	\$0.00	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of NantKwest, Inc. common stock.
- Subject to the reporting person's continuing to be a Service Provider (as defined in the Amended and Restated 2015 Equity Incentive Plan) through each applicable vesting date, one-third (1/3rd) of the shares subject to the option shall vest in equal annual installments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the vesting commencement date, such that all shares shall be fully vested on the third anniversary of the vesting commencement date. The vesting commencement date for this option is February 5, 2021.
- Subject to the reporting person's continuing to be a Service Provider (as defined in the Amended and Restated 2015 Equity Incentive Plan) through each applicable vesting date, 83,333 of the shares subject to the RSU award shall vest in equal annual installments on each of the first and second anniversaries of the vesting commencement date and 83,334 of the shares shall vest on the third anniversary of the vesting commencement date, such that all shares shall be fully vested on the third anniversary of the vesting commencement date. The vesting commencement date for this RSU award is February 5, 2021.
- One hundred percent (100%) of the shares subject to the RSU award shall vest on the date of grant.

Remarks:

/s/ Sonja Nelson, as Attorney-in-Fact 02/09/2021

** 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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