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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Nelson Sonja</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O NANTKWEST, INC.</u> <u>3530 JOHN HOPKINS COURT</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>SAN DIEGO CA 92121</u> <hr/> (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 <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/02/2020</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			
<u>Common Stock<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>08/02/2020</u>		<u>M</u>		<u>10,000</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>\$0.00<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>40,410</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>08/02/2020</u>		<u>F</u>		<u>3,458</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>\$11.18</u>	<u>36,952</u>	<u>D</u>	

**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
<u>Restricted Stock Units</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>08/02/2020</u>		<u>M</u>			<u>10,000</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>D</u>	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of NantKwest, Inc. common stock.
- On August 2, 2020, 10,000 of the reporting person's restricted stock units vested. The closing price of the issuer's common stock on July 31, 2020 was the price used to calculate the shares withheld.
- Subject to the reporting person's continuing to be a Service Provider (as defined in the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan) through each applicable vesting date, the restricted stock units ("RSUs") will vest as follows: 25% of the RSUs will vest on August 2, 2019, and 25% of the RSUs will vest annually thereafter, such that the award will be fully vested on August 2, 2022.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Sonja Nelson

08/04/2020

\*\* 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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