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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Callaway James Eric | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Xenetic Biosciences, Inc. [XBIO] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/11/2017 | | | | | | | | S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X_ Director | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 99 HAYDEN AVENUE, SUITE 230 (Street) LEXINGTON, MA 02421 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | _X_ | | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui | | | | | | | Acquired | | | | | |
| (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Dat any (Month/Day/Y | | ite, if | (Instr. 8) | | (A) or I | rities Acq Disposed 6 3, 4 and 5) (A) or tt (D) | of (D) Ow Tra | Owned Following Reported Ownership of I | | | neficial vnership | | |
| Reminder: | Report on a | separate line for eac | Table II - I | Derivativ | e Sec | curities | s Acq | Person contai form of | ns who ned in lisplay | this for s a curr f, or Bene | m are not ently vali | required d OMB co | n of inform I to respon ontrol num | nd unless the | SEC 147 | 74 (9-02) |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction Code | | 5. Number of | | 6. Oate Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | piration ee | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Option | \$ 2.95 | 10/11/2017 | | A | | 6,250 | | 01/11/201 | 18 10/ | 11/2027 | Common | 6,250 | \$ 0 <u>(1)</u> | 6,250 | D | |
| Stock Option | \$ 2.95 | 10/11/2017 | | A | | 6,250 | | 04/11/201 | 18 10/ | 11/2027 | Common Stock | 6,250 | \$ 0 <u>(1)</u> | 12,500 | D | |
| Stock Option | \$ 2.95 | 10/11/2017 | | A | | 6,250 | | 07/11/201 | 18 10/ | 11/2027 | Common | 6,250 | \$ 0 (1) | 18,750 | D | |
| Stock | | | | | | | | | | | Commo | | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Describes Osses as Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Callaway James Eric 99 HAYDEN AVENUE, SUITE 230 LEXINGTON, MA 02421 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ James Eric Callaway | 10/13/2017 | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|--|--|--|
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

On October 11, 2017 the Issuer approved the issuance of a Stock Option Grant to the Reporting Owner under its 2014 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The Reporting Owner has (1) the right to purchase 25,000 shares of common stock of the Issuer under the Plan at an exercise price based on the closing price on October 11, 2017 of \$2.95. The Option vests onequarter of the total grant for each quarter of service over the twelve-month period commencing on the grant date.

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