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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 16(a) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, SECTION 17(a) OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935 OR SECTION 30(1) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940

/ / CHECK THIS BOX IF NO LO OBLIGATIONS MAY CONTINU			OR FORM 5					
1. Name and Address of Rep	orting Person							
Clemens	Peter	Α.						
(Last)	(First)	 Middl	 e)					
C/o Halsey Drug	Co., Inc. 695 N. Pe	erryville Rd. B	ldg. 2					
	(Street)							
Rockford,	Illinois	61107						
(City)	Illinois (State)	(Zip)						
2. Issuer Name and Ticker	or Trading Symbol							
Halsey Drug Co., Inc.	Symbol:	HDG						
3. IRS or Social Security	Number of Reporting	Person (Volunt	ary)					
4. Statement for Month/Yea	r							
4/00								
5. If Amendment, Date of O	riginal (Month/Year	)						
6. Relationship of Reporti (Check all applicable)	ng Person to Issuer							
/X/ Director /X/ Officer (give titl Vice President & Chief Finan	e below)	/ / 10% Owner / / Other (spe	cify below)					
TABLE I NON-DE	RIVATIVE SECURITIES OR BENEFICIALLY OW		OSED OF,					
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	2. Transaction Date	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Ac Disposed of ( (Instr. 3, 4	D) and 5)	A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect
1. Title of Security	(Month/ Day/	(Instr. 8)		(A) or		of Month (Instr. 3	Indirect (I)	Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 3)	Year)	Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	and 4)		(Instr. 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities owned directly or indirectly.	beneficially (over)
(Print or Type Responses) SFC 1474 (3/91)	

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. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) Code V	or Dis of (D) (Instr 4 and	tive ties ed (A) posed . 3, 5)		on Date ay/Year)  Expira- tion	7. Title and of Under Securiti (Instr.	lying es	8. Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or In- direct (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship (Instr. 4)
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5% Convertible Senior Secured Debentures	\$ 1.404	3/10/98	А	(1)		3/10/98	3/15/03	Common Stock	71,225		71,225	D	
Warrants	\$ 1.404	3/10/98	Α	(1)		3/10/98	3/15/05	Common Stock	10,791		10,791	D	
Warrants	\$ 2.279	3/10/98	Α	(1)		3/10/98	3/15/05	Common Stock	10,526		10,526	D	
5% Convertible Senior Secured Debentures	\$ 1.404	6/12/98	A	(2)		6/12/98	3/15/03	Common Stock	17,121		17,121	D	
Warrants	\$ 1.404	6/12/98	A	(2)		6/12/98	3/15/05	Common Stock	2,594		2,594	D	
Warrants	\$ 2.279	6/12/98	Α	(2)		6/12/98	3/15/05	Common Stock	2,530		2,530	D	
Non-qualified Stock Options	\$ 2.375	2/19/98	Α			(3)	2/19/08	Common Stock	300,000		300,000	D	
5% Convertible Senior Secured Debentures	\$1.1312	4/1/99	A	(5)		4/1/99	3/15/03	Common Stock	1,370		1,370	D	
Non-qualified Stock Options	\$ 1.125	4/12/99	Α	(4)		3/8/00	3/8/09	Common Stock	100,000		100,000	D	
5% Convertible Senior Secured Debentures	\$2.4250	7/1/99	A	(5)		7/1/99	3/15/03	Common Stock	647		647	D	
Non-qualified Stock Options	\$ 1.875	2/17/00	Α	(4)		2/17/01	2/17/10	Common Stock	125,000		125,000	D	
5% Convertible Senior Secured Debentures	\$ 1.722	4/1/00	Α	(5)			3/15/03	Common Stock	923		923	D	

## EXPLANATION OF RESPONSES:

- (1) Purchased in connection with a private offering on March 10, 1998 consisting of a Convertible Debenture convertible at any time and Stock Purchase Warrants (10,791 shares of which are presently exercisable at \$1.404 per share and 10,526 shares of which are presently exercisable at \$2.279 per share).
- (2) Acquired pursuant to an option exercise in June 1998, consisting of: (i) a Convertible Debenture, convertible at any time, (ii) Warrants to purchase shares of common stock (2,594 shares of which are presently exercisable at \$1.404 per share and 2,530 shares of which are presently exercisable at \$2.279 per share.
- (3) Options vest quarterly, with 25,000 options vesting every quarter effective May 1, 1998.
- (4) Options vest 25% annually.
- (5) Certain quarterly interest payments are paid in the form of convertible

By: /s/ Peter A. Clemens

May 1, 2000

Peter A. Clemens SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

VIOLATIONS.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a)

NOTE: FILE THREE COPIES OF THIS FORM, ONE OF WHICH MUST BE MANUALLY SIGNED. IF SPACE PROVIDED IS INSUFFICIENT, SEE INSTRUCTION 6 FOR PROCEDURE.