

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>CROOKE STANLEY T</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O ISIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 2855 GAZELLE COURT  (Street) CARLSBAD CA 92010  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>ISIS PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ ISIS ]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>Chairman, President, CEO</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>01/03/2012</b>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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			

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				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$7.25	01/03/2012	01/03/2012	A		107,203		01/03/2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/02/2022	Common Stock	107,203	\$0	107,203	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$7.25	01/03/2012	01/03/2012	A		11,404		01/03/2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/02/2022	Common Stock	11,404	\$0	11,404	I	By wife

Explanation of Responses:

- Grant of 1/3/12 to reporting person of stock options under the Isis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 1989 Stock Option Plan. 25% of the shares subject to the option will vest and become exercisable on 1/3/13. Thereafter, the remaining shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments, at the rate of 26,801 shares per year. The option is exercisable as to 0 shares on 1/3/12.
- Grant of 1/3/12 to reporting person's wife of stock options under the Isis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 1989 Stock Option Plan. 25% of the shares subject to the option will vest and become exercisable on 1/3/13. Thereafter, the remaining shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments, at the rate of 2,851 shares per year. The option is exercisable as to 0 shares on 1/3/12.

Remarks:

Stanley T. Croke

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

01/03/2012

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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Stanley T. Crooke and B. Lynne Parshall, signing individually, the undersigned (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, an officer, director or holder of 10% or more of a registered class of securities of Isis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute such Form 3, 4 or 5, complete and (3) take any other action of any nature whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit, in the best interest of the undersigned. The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, and proper to carry out the powers hereinbefore conferred. This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the earliest to occur of (a) the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with the SEC.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 9th day of September, 2002.

/s/Stanley T. Crooke