UNITED STATES 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
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
MACARTNEY LAWSON
C/O VIKING THERAPEUTICS, INC.
12340 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 250
SAN DIEGO, CA 92130

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Viking Therapeutics, Inc. [ VKTX ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/02/2020

4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
X Director

10% Owner
Officer (give title below)
Other (specify below)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

<table>
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<tr>
<th>1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Stock Option (Right to Buy)</td>
<td>22,000</td>
<td>01/02/2020</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>22,000</td>
<td>22,000</td>
<td>D</td>
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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<th>1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)</th>
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<th>6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)</th>
<th>9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)</th>
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<th>11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Stock Option (Right to Buy)</td>
<td>$7.95</td>
<td>01/02/2020</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>22,000</td>
<td>01/02/2021 01/02/2030</td>
<td>Common Stock 22,000</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td>22,000</td>
<td>D</td>
<td></td>
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Explanation of Responses:
Remarks:

/s/ Michael Morneau, as Attorney-in-Fact
01/03/2020

** Signature of Reporting Person Date