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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Francois Cedric</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>C/O APELLIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.</u><br><u>100 FIFTH AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>WALTHAM MA 02451</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [ APLS ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>Chief Executive Officer</u> |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>01/27/2021</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  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/27/2021                           |  | M                              |   | 39,785  | A          | \$3.76 | 1,152,864   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/27/2021                           |  | M                              |   | 31,992  | A          | \$4.31 | 1,184,856   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |        | 234,411   | I  | See Footnote <sup>(1)</sup>                           |

**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) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |   |  |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$3.76   | 01/27/2021                           |  | M                              |   | 39,785   |     | (2)  | 02/06/2026      | Common Stock  | 39,785                     | \$0  | 273,840  | D   |  |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$4.31   | 01/27/2021                           |  | M                              |   | 31,992   |     | (2)  | 08/20/2027      | Common Stock  | 31,992                     | \$0  | 389,948  | D   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The securities are held by The Francois-DuBois Educational Trust (the "Trust"), for which the Fiduciary Trust Company of New England serves as trustee. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership over the shares held by the Trust except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- This stock option will vest as to 25% of the shares underlying the options on the first anniversary of the grant, with the remaining 75% of the shares underlying the options vesting in equal monthly installments thereafter through the fourth anniversary of the grant, subject to continued service.

/s/David Watson, attorney-in-fact for Cedric Francois 01/28/2021

\*\* 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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