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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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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* <b>Francois Cedric</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [ APLS ]</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>Chief Executive Officer</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>04/18/2023</b>			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		
C/O APELLIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 100 FIFTH AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street)			Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication					
<b>WALTHAM</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>02451</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

**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							634,211	I <sup>(1)</sup>	Indirect Owner (The Cedric Francois Irrevocable Trust of 2023)	
Common Stock							300,000	I <sup>(2)</sup>	Indirect Owner (The Francois Grossi Trust)	
Common Stock							234,411	I <sup>(3)</sup>	Indirect Owner (The Francois-DuBois Educational Trust)	
Common Stock	04/18/2023		M <sup>(4)</sup>		30,000	A	\$2.67	667,601	D	
Common Stock	04/18/2023		S <sup>(4)</sup>		30,000	D	\$82.024 <sup>(5)</sup>	637,601	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2023		M <sup>(6)</sup>		20,000	A	\$2.67	657,601	D	

**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					
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.67	04/18/2023		M <sup>(4)</sup>			30,000	(7)	12/05/2023	Common Stock	30,000	\$0	370,000	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.67	04/19/2023		M <sup>(6)</sup>			20,000	(7)	12/05/2023	Common Stock	20,000	\$0	350,000	D

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. The securities are held by The Cedric Francois Irrevocable Trust of 2023. William V. A. Zorn is the trustee of The Cedric Francois Irrevocable Trust of 2023. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership over the shares held by The Cedric Francois Irrevocable Trust of 2023 except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

2. The securities are held by The Francois Grossi Trust, for which Juliana Grossi, the spouse of the reporting person, serves as trustee. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership over the shares held by the Francois Grossi Trust except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

3. The securities are held by The Francois-DuBois Educational 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 Francois-DuBois Educational Trust except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

4. This is a scheduled exercise & sale from 10b5-1 trading plan.

5. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$81.29 to \$82.71. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

6. This is a scheduled exercise from 10B5-1 trading plan.

7. This option was granted on December 5, 2013 and fully vested.

/s/ David Watson, attorney-in-  
fact for Cedric Francois      04/20/2023

\*\* 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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