FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0104

Estimated average burden hours per response: 0.5

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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* Belldegrun Arie	2. Date of Event Res Statement (Month/ 09/24/2009		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Nile Therapeutics, Inc. [NLTX]					
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NILE THERAPEUTICS, INC.	-		Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 09/28/2009		
4 WEST 4TH AVENUE, SUITE 400			Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
(Street) SAN MATEO CA 94402							y One Reporting Person y More than One Reporting	
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - No	n-Deriva	tive Securities Beneficially	Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)				ature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.	
Common Stock			76,935	I	, Leur		umi Overseas Trust Corp. Ltd. as TTEE the BTL Trust ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock			64,800	I	В	elldegrun Family	degrun Family Trust ⁽²⁾	
Common Stock			243,200	I		rie S. Belldegrun, haring Plan ⁽³⁾	M.D. Inc. Profit	
Common Stock			292,000	I		eumi Overseas Tr f the Tampere Tru	ust Corp. Ltd. as TTEE st ⁽⁴⁾	
Common Stock			34,485	I	В	ellco Capital, LLC	co Capital, LLC ⁽⁵⁾	
			re Securities Beneficially Ov ants, options, convertible se					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/)	ate	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Convers or Exerc		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivativ Security	l' /		
Warrant (Right to Buy)	09/11/2007	09/11/2012	Common Stock	4,210	2.71	I	Leumi Overseas Trust Corp. Ltd. as TTEE of the BTL Trust ⁽¹⁾	
Warrant (Right to Buy)	07/07/2009	07/07/2014	Common Stock	16,200	1.25	I	Belldegrun Family Trust ⁽²⁾	
Warrant (Right to Buy)	07/07/2009	07/07/2014	Common Stock	16,200	1.71	I	Belldegrun Family Trust ⁽²⁾	
Warrant (Right to Buy)	07/07/2009	07/07/2014	Common Stock	32,400	2.28	I	Belldegrun Family Trust ⁽²⁾	
Warrant (Right to Buy)	07/07/2009	07/07/2014	Common Stock	60,800	1.25	Ī	Arie S. Belldegrun, M.D. Inc. Profit Sharing Plan ⁽³⁾	
Warrant (Right to Buy)	07/07/2009	07/07/2014	Common Stock	60,800	1.71	Ī	Arie S. Belldegrun, M.D. Inc. Profit Sharing Plan ⁽³⁾	
Warrant (Right to Buy)	07/07/2009	07/07/2014	Common Stock	121,600	2.28	Ī	Arie S. Belldegrun, M.D. Inc. Profit Sharing Plan ⁽³⁾	
Warrant (Right to Buy)	07/07/2009	07/07/2014	Common Stock	73,000	1.25	I	Leumi Overseas Trust Corp. Ltd. as TTEE of the Tampere Trust ⁽⁴⁾	
Warrant (Right to Buy)	07/07/2009	07/07/2014	Common Stock	73,000	1.71	Ī	Leumi Overseas Trust Corp. Ltd. as TTEE of the Tampere Trust ⁽⁴⁾	
Warrant (Right to Buy)	07/07/2009	07/07/2014	Common Stock	146,000	2.28	Ī	Leumi Overseas Trust Corp. Ltd. as TTEE of the Tampere Trust ⁽⁴⁾	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Although the Reporting Person is not a trustee of the BTL Trust, the Reporting Person is a beneficiary of the BTL Trust, and as such may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares and the warrants owned by the BTL Trust. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares and warrants except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 2. The Reporting Person is the Trustee of the family trust that owns the shares and the warrants. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares and warrants except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein
- 3. The Reporting Person is the Trustee of the profit sharing plan that owns the shares and the warrants.
- 4. Although the Reporting Person is not a trustee of the Tampere Trust, the Reporting Person is a beneficiary of the Tampere Trust, and as such may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares and the warrants owned by the Tampere Trust. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares and warrants except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- $5. \ The \ Reporting \ Person \ is \ the \ co-owner \ of \ the \ limited \ liability \ company \ that \ owns \ the \ shares.$

Remarks:

/s/ Daron Evans as Attorney-in-Fact for Arie S. Belldegrun pursuant to Power of Attorney previously filed.

10/29/2009

** 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 5 (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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.