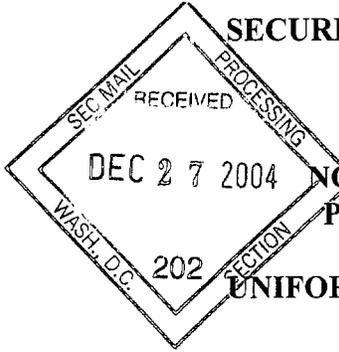


UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549



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FORM D

NOTICE OF SALE OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO REGULATION D,  
SECTION 4(6), AND/OR  
UNIFORM LIMITED OFFERING EXEMPTION

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Prefix	Serial
DATE RECEIVED	

Name of Offering  ( check if this is an amendment and name has changed, and indicate change.)

SMRI Convertible Promissory Note

Filing Under (Check box(es) that apply):  Rule 504:  Rule 505  Rule 506  Section 4(6)  ULOE

Type of Filing:  New Filing  Amendment

A. BASIC IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. Enter the information requested about the issuer

Name of Issuer  (check if this is an amendment and name has changed, and indicate change.)

Targacept, Inc.

Address of Executive Officers (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)  
200 East First Street, Suite 300, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Telephone Number (Including Area Code)  
336-480-2100

Address of Principal Business Operations (if different from Executive Offices) (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Telephone Number (Including Area Code)

Brief Description of Business  
Pharmaceutical company developing neuronal nicotinic receptor-based therapies for critical diseases

Type of Business Organization

corporation  limited partnership, already formed  other (please specify):  
 business trust  limited partnership, to be formed

PROCESSED

Actual or Estimated Date of Incorporation or Organization: Month [0] [3] Year [9] [7]  Actual  Estimated

DEC 29 2004

Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization: (Enter two-letter U.S. Postal Service abbreviation for State: CN for Canada, FN for other foreign jurisdiction)

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THOMSON FINANCIAL

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

**Federal:**  
*Who Must File:* All issuer making an offering of securities in reliance on an exemption under Regulation D or Section 4(6), 17CFR 230.501 et seq. or 15 U.S.C.77d(6).  
*When to File:* A notice must be filed no later than 15 days after the first sale of securities in the offering. A notice is deemed filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on the earlier of the date it is received by the SEC at the address given below or, if received at that address after the date on which it is due, on the date it was mailed by United States registered or certified mail to that address.  
*Where to File:* U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549.  
*Copies Required:* Five (5) copies of this notice must be filed with the SEC, one of which must be manually signed. Any copies not manually signed must be photocopies of manually signed copy or bear typed or printed signatures.  
*Information Required:* A new filing must contain all information requested. Amendments need only report the name of the issuer and offering, any changes thereto, the information requested in Part C, and any material changes from the information previously supplied in Parts A and B. Part E and the Appendix need not be filed with the SEC.  
*Filing Fee:* There is no federal filing fee.

**State:**  
This notice shall be used to indicate reliance on the Uniform Limited Offering Exemption (ULOE) for sales of securities in those states that have adopted ULOE and that have adopted this form. Issuer relying on ULOE must file a separate notice with the Securities Administrator in each state where sales are to be, or have been made. If a state requires the payment of a fee as a precondition to the claim for the exemption, a fee in the proper amount shall accompany this form. This notice shall be filed in the appropriate states in accordance with state law. The Appendix in the notice constitutes a part of this notice and must be completed.

ATTENTION

Failure to file notice in the appropriate states will not result in a loss of the federal exemption. Conversely, failure to file the appropriate federal notice will not result in a loss of an available state exemption unless such exemption is predicated on the filing of a federal notice.



**A. BASIC IDENTIFICATION DATA**

2. Enter the information requested for the following:

- Each promoter of the issuer, if the issuer has been organized within the past five years;
- Each beneficial owner having the power to vote or dispose, or direct the vote or disposition of, 10% or more of a class of equity securities of the issuer;
- Each executive officer and director of corporate issuers and of corporate general and managing partners of partnership issuers; and
- Each general and managing partner of partnership issuers.

Check Box(es) that Apply:  Promoter  Beneficial Owner  Executive Officer  Director  General and/or Managing Partners

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Skaletsky, Mark

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o Trine Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 78 Fourth Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451

Check Box(es) that Apply:  Promoter  Beneficial Owner  Executive Officer  Director  General and/or Managing Partners

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

deBethizy, J. Donald

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o Targacept, Inc., 200 East First Street, Suite 300, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Check Box(es) that Apply:  Promoter  Beneficial Owner  Executive Officer  Director  General and/or Managing Partners

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Bencherif, Merouane

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o Targacept, Inc., 200 East First Street, Suite 300, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

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Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Caldwell, William S.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o Targacept, Inc., 200 East First Street, Suite 300, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

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Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Dunbar, Geoffrey C.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o Targacept, Inc., 200 East First Street, Suite 300, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Check Box(es) that Apply:  Promoter  Beneficial Owner  Executive Officer  Director  General and/or Managing Partners

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Musso, Alan A.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o Targacept, Inc., 200 East First Street, Suite 300, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Check Box(es) that Apply:  Promoter  Beneficial Owner  Executive Officer  Director  General and/or Managing Partners

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Brennan, Jeffrey P.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o Targacept, Inc., 200 East First Street, Suite 300, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

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2. (Continued) Enter the information requested for the following:

- Each promoter of the issuer, if the issuer has been organized within the past five years;
- Each beneficial owner having the power to vote or dispose, or direct the vote or disposition of, 10% or more of a class of equity securities of the issuer;
- Each executive officer and director of corporate issuers and of corporate general and managing partners of partnership issuers; and
- Each general and managing partner of partnership issuers.

Check Box(es) that Apply:  Promoter  Beneficial Owner  Executive Officer  Director  General and/or Managing Partners

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Barrett, M. James

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o New Enterprise Associates, 1119 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

Check Box(es) that Apply:  Promoter  Beneficial Owner  Executive Officer  Director  General and/or Managing Partners

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Blixt, Charles A.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Holdings, Inc., 401 North Main Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27102

Check Box(es) that Apply:  Promoter  Beneficial Owner  Executive Officer  Director  General and/or Managing Partners

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Burrill, G. Steven

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o Burrill & Company LLC, One Embarcadero Center, Suite 2700, San Francisco, CA 94111

Check Box(es) that Apply:  Promoter  Beneficial Owner  Executive Officer  Director  General and/or Managing Partners

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

De Souza, Errol B.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o Archemix Corp., 1 Hampshire Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Cambridge, MA 02139

Check Box(es) that Apply:  Promoter  Beneficial Owner  Executive Officer  Director  General and/or Managing Partners

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Jones, Elaine V.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o EuclidSR Partners, L.P., 45 Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 3240, New York, NY 10111

Check Box(es) that Apply:  Promoter  Beneficial Owner  Executive Officer  Director  General and/or Managing Partners

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Richard, John P.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o BioGrowth, 21 West Andrews Drive NW, Atlanta, GA 30305

Check Box(es) that Apply:  Promoter  Beneficial Owner  Executive Officer  Director  General and/or Managing Partners

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Walton, Alan G.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o Oxford Bioscience Partners, 315 Post Road West, Westport, CT 06880

Check Box(es) that Apply:  Promoter  Beneficial Owner  Executive Officer  Director  General and/or Managing Partners

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Entities affiliated with New Enterprise Associates

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

1119 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

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- Each executive officer and director of corporate issuers and of corporate general and managing partners of partnership issuers; and
- Each general and managing partner of partnership issues.

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Entities affiliated with EuclidSR Partners, L.P.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

45 Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 3240, New York, NY 10111

Check Box(es) that Apply:  Promoter  Beneficial Owner  Executive Officer  Director  General and/or Managing Partners

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Entities affiliated with Nomura International plc

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Nomura House, 1 St. Martins le Grand, London EC1A 4NP, England

Check Box(es) that Apply:  Promoter  Beneficial Owner  Executive Officer  Director  General and/or Managing Partners

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Holdings, Inc.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

401 North Main Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27102

Check Box(es) that Apply:  Promoter  Beneficial Owner  Executive Officer  Director  General and/or Managing Partners

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Kirksey, Don

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

43 Crooked Creek Lane, Durham, NC 27713

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**B. INFORMATION ABOUT OFFERING**

1. Has the issuer sold, or does the issuer intend to sell, to non-accredited investors in this offering?..... Yes  No

Answer also in Appendix, Column 2, if filing under ULOE.

2. What is the minimum investment that will be accepted from any individual? ..... \$ 1,250,000.00

3. Does the offering permit joint ownership of a single unit? ..... Yes  No

4. Enter the information requested for each person who has been or will be paid or given, directly or indirectly, any commission or similar remuneration for solicitation of purchasers in connection with sales of securities in the offering. If a person to be listed is an associated person or agent of a broker or dealer registered with the SEC and/or with a state or states, list the name of the broker or dealer. If more than five (5) persons to be listed are associated persons of such a broker or dealer, you may set forth the information for that broker or dealer only.

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Name of Associated Broker or Dealer

States in Which Person Listed Has Solicited or Intends to Solicit Purchasers  
(Check "All States" or check individual States).....  All States

[AL]	[AK]	[AZ]	[AR]	[CA]	[CO]	[CT]	[DE]	[DC]	[FL]	[GA]	[HI]	[ID]
[IL]	[IN]	[IA]	[KS]	[KY]	[LA]	[ME]	[MD]	[MA]	[MI]	[MN]	[MS]	[MO]
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[RI]	[SC]	[SD]	[TN]	[TX]	[UT]	[VT]	[VA]	[WA]	[WV]	[WI]	[WY]	[PR]

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

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Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Name of Associated Broker or Dealer

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1. Enter the aggregate offering price of securities included in this offering and the total amount already sold. Enter "0" if answer is "none" or "zero." If the transaction is an exchange offering, check this box  and indicate in the column below the amounts of the securities offered for exchange and already exchanged.

Type of Security	Aggregate Offering Price	Amount Already Sold
Debt.....	\$ _____	\$ _____
Equity.....	\$ _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Common <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred		
Convertible Securities (including warrants).....	\$ <u>1,250,000.00</u>	\$ <u>1,250,000.00</u>
Partnership Interests.....	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (Specify _____).....	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total.....	\$ <u>1,250,000.00</u>	\$ <u>1,250,000.00</u>

Answer also in Appendix, Column 3, if filing under ULOE.

2. Enter the number of accredited and non-accredited investors who have purchased securities in this offering and the aggregate dollar amounts of their purchases. For offerings under Rule 504, indicate the number of persons who have purchased securities and the aggregate dollar amount of their purchases on the total lines. Enter "0" if answer is "none" or "zero."

	Number Investors	Aggregate Dollar Amount of Purchases
Accredited Investors.....	<u>1</u>	\$ <u>1,250,000.00</u>
Non-accredited Investors.....	_____	\$ _____
Total (for filings under Rule 504 only).....	_____	\$ _____

Answer also in Appendix, Column 4, if filing under ULOE.

3. If this filing is for an offering under Rule 504 or 505, enter the information requested for all securities sold by the issuer, to date, in offerings of the types indicated, the twelve (12) months prior to the first sale of securities in this offering. Classify securities by type listed in Part C-Question 1.

Type of offering	Type of Security	Dollar Amount Sold
Rule 505.....	_____	\$ _____
Regulation A.....	_____	\$ _____
Rule 504.....	_____	\$ _____
Total.....	_____	\$ <u>0.00</u>

4. a. Furnish a statement of all expenses in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities in this offering. Exclude amounts relating solely to organization expenses of the issuer. The information may be given as subject to future contingencies. If the amount of an expenditure is not known, furnish an estimate and check the box to the left of the estimate.

Transfer Agent's Fee.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Printing and Engraving Costs.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Legal Fees.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Accounting Fees.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Engineering Fees.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Sales Commissions (specify finders' fees separately) payable to Sales Agent.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Other Expenses (identify) reimbursement to Sales Agent for out-of-pocket expenses.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Total.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ <u>0.00</u>

b. Enter the difference between the aggregate offering price given in response to Part C-Question 1 and total expenses furnished in response to Part C-Question 4.a. This difference is the "adjusted gross proceeds to the issuer." .....

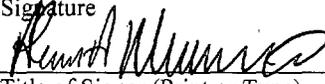
\$1,250,000.00

c. Indicate below the amount of the adjusted gross proceeds to the issuer used or proposed to be used for each of the purposes shown. If the amount for any purpose is not known, furnish an estimate and check the box to the left of the estimate. The total of the payments listed must equal the adjusted gross proceeds to the issuer set forth in response to Part C-Questions 4.b. above.

	Payments to Officers, Directors, & Affiliates	Payments to Others
Salaries and fees .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
Purchase of real estate (building and land) .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
Purchase, rental or leasing and installation of machinery and equipment .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
Construction or leasing of plant buildings and facilities .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
Acquisition of other business (including the value of securities involved in this offering that may be used in exchange for the assets or securities of another issuer pursuant to a merger) .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
Repayment of indebtedness .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
Working Capital/Reserve .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
Other (specify): <u>development of specified product candidate for specified indication</u> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>\$1,250,000.00</u>
Column Totals .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ <u>0.00</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>\$ 1,250,000.00</u>
Total Payments Listed (column totals added) .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>\$1,250,000.00</u>	

**D. FEDERAL SIGNATURE**

The issuer has duly caused this notice to be signed by the undersigned duly authorized person. If this notice is filed under Rule 505, the following signature constitutes an undertaking by the issuer to furnish to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, upon written request of its staff, the information furnished by the issuer to any non-accredited investor pursuant to paragraph (b)(2) of Rule 502.

Issuer (Print or Type) Targacept, Inc.	Signature 	Date 12/21/2004
Name of Signer (Print or Type) Alan Musso	Title of Signer (Print or Type) Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	

**ATTENTION**

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations. (See 18 U.S.C. 1001.)**

*Instruction:*

Print the name and title of the signing representative under his signature for the state portion of this form. One copy of every notice on Form D must be manually signed. Any copies not manually signed must be photocopies of the manually signed copy or bear typed or printed signatures.