FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FORMELA JEAN FRANCOIS | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EXELIXIS INC [EXEL] | | | | | | | | | elationship o eck all applic Directo | able) | Persor | n(s) to Issu 10% Ow | |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O EXELIXIS, INC | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/09/2004 | | | | | | | | | Officer below) | (give title | | Other (specification) | pecify |
| PO BOX | 511, 170 H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO | | A | 94083-0511 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | Line | ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tal | ole I - Non | -Deriv | /ativ | e Se | curitie | s Ac | quire | d, Di | sposed (| of, c | or Ben | eficiall | y Owned | | | | |
| Date | | | Date | . Transaction pate Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea | | Code (Instr. | | | | | 5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F | s ally ollowing (| 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Cod | e V | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a | ion(s) | | | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Table II - I | | | | | | | | osed of convert | | | | Owned | | | , | 4 |
| 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. | | | | 6. Date Exercisable at Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | y [C | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercis | able | Expiration Date | Tit | tle | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$8.88 | 04/09/2004 | | | A | | 10,000 | | 04/09/2 | 004 ⁽¹⁾ | 04/08/2014 | | ommon Stock | 10,000 | \$0 | 55,000 | | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Options granted pursuant to Issuer's 2000 Non-employee Directors' Plan. The option is exercisable immediately subject to repurchase provisions, and will vest monthly over the following year.

Remarks:

/s/ Kristine Ball, Attorney In Fact 04/09/2004

** 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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby authorizes George A. Scangos, Ph.D., Frank Karbe and Kristine Ball of Exelixis, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), to execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer or director of the Company, Forms 3, 4 and 5, and any Amendments thereto, and any form 13D or 13G, and cause such form(s) to be filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Act of 1934, relating to the undersigned's beneficial ownership of securities in the Company. The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, 5, 13G and 13D with respect to the undersigned's holdings of, and transactions in, securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 5th day of April, 2004.

/s/ Jean-Francois Formela, M.D.

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