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* <u>Lamb Peter</u>					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EXELIXIS INC [EXEL]						(Che	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, Discovery Research & CSO			
(Last)	Last) (First) (Middle) C/O EXELIXIS, INC.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/26/2009									
249 EAST GRAND AVE., PO BOX 511															
(Street) SOUTH FRANCI	- C	A	94083-0511	4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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		Tal	ole I - Non-E	Derivativ	/e Se	curitie	s Ac	quired, D	isposed o	of, or Bei	neficiall	y Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					Execution Date,		Code (Instr. 5)				es Form ally (D) of Following (I) (II	n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)		(Instr. 4)
			Table II - De (e.					uired, Dis s, options				Owned	·		
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)	Code	action (Instr.	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)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$4.42	02/26/2009		A		25,000		02/26/2010 ⁽¹⁾	02/25/2019	Common Stock	25,000	\$0	25,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Options granted pursuant to Issuer's 2000 Equity Incentive Plan. Twenty five percent (25%) of the shares vest one year from the grant date, and the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

Remarks:

/s/ James B. Bucher, Attorney

03/02/2009

<u>in Fact</u>

** 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).
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