

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>RIVERA LUPE M</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O EXELIXIS, INC.</u> <u>210 E. GRAND AVE.</u>  (Street) <u>SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA 94080</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>EXELIXIS INC [ EXEL ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP, Operations</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/15/2011</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

**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	05/15/2011		M <sup>(1)</sup>		2,578	A	\$0	15,391	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2011		M <sup>(2)</sup>		625	A	\$0	16,016	D	
Common Stock								3,354	I	By 401(k) Plan <sup>(3)</sup>

**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						Title
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	05/15/2011		M			2,578	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	2,578	(4)	28,359	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	05/15/2011		M			625	(6)	(6)	Common Stock	625	(4)	6,875	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Represents the conversion upon vesting of restricted stock units into common stock. Such restricted stock units were granted on December 9, 2009 and were previously reported in Table II on a Form 4 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 11, 2009.
- Represents the conversion upon vesting of restricted stock units into common stock. Such restricted stock units were granted on January 14, 2010 and were previously reported in Table II on a Form 4 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 15, 2010.
- Represents 3,354 shares of Exelixis, Inc. common stock under the Exelixis, Inc. 401(k) Plan, pursuant to a plan statement dated as of May 16, 2011.
- Each restricted stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Exelixis, Inc. common stock.
- On December 9, 2009, the reporting person was granted 41,250 restricted stock units, of which 1/16th of the shares subject to the restricted stock units vested on May 15, 2011. The common stock into which such vested restricted stock units converted on May 15, 2011 is reported in Table I on this Form 4. The remaining unvested restricted stock units will continue to vest as to 1/16th of the original number of shares subject to the restricted stock units on each succeeding August 15, November 15, February 15 and May 15 until fully vested.
- On January 14, 2010, the reporting person was granted 10,000 restricted stock units, of which 1/16th of the shares subject to the restricted stock units vested on May 15, 2011. The common stock into which such vested restricted stock units converted on May 15, 2011 is reported in Table I on this Form 4. The remaining unvested restricted stock units will continue to vest as to 1/16th of the original number of shares subject to the restricted stock units on each succeeding August 15, November 15, February 15 and May 15 until fully vested.

James B. Bucher, Attorney in Fact 05/17/2011

\*\* 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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