FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* WILLSEY LANCE					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EXELIXIS INC [ EXEL ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
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(Last)	(F ELIXIS, IN	(First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2010								Officer below)	(give title	Other below)	specify	
170 HARBOR WAY, PO BOX 511																	
					4.1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. 1	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable			
(Street)					and the state of t								Line)				
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(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)														
		Tal	ole I - Non	-Deriv	ativ	e Se	curitie	s Ac	quired, C	Pisp	osed o	f, or Ber	neficial	ly Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					ear)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea		Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)			Benefici Owned F	s Feally (Discoloring (I)	Ownership orm: Direct O) or Indirect ) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	/	Amount (A) or (D)		Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3	ion(s)		(Instr. 4)
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any		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)	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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				c	ode	v	(A)		Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	of Shares				
Option (right to buy)	\$5.92	05/19/2010			A		15,000		05/19/2010 <sup>(1</sup>	1) (	05/18/2020	Common Stock	15,000	\$0	15,000	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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

## Remarks:

/s/ James B. Bucher, Attorney in Fact 05/20/2010

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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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