

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Senner Christopher J.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O EXELIXIS, INC.</u> <u>210 EAST 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) <p style="text-align: right;">EVP and CFO</p> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/22/2016</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 ⁽¹⁾ | 09/22/2016 ⁽²⁾ | | A | | 20,000 | A | \$0 | 152,727 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,660 | I | By 401(k) ⁽⁴⁾ |

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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$14.74 | 09/22/2016 | | A | | 120,000 | | 09/22/2017 ⁽⁵⁾ | 09/21/2024 | Common Stock | \$0 | 120,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents shares of Exelixis, Inc. common stock that will be issued to the Reporting Person upon vesting of restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Exelixis, Inc. common stock.
- The restricted stock units were granted to the Reporting Person on the Transaction Date pursuant to the Exelixis, Inc. 2014 Equity Incentive Plan. The restricted stock units will vest as to 1/4th of the original number of shares subject to the restricted stock unit award on November 15, 2017, and thereafter as to 1/4th of the original number of shares subject to the restricted stock unit award on each November 15th until fully-vested.
- Includes 20,000 shares of Exelixis, Inc. common stock that will be issued to the Reporting Person upon vesting of restricted stock units.
- Represents 1,660 shares of Exelixis, Inc. common stock under the Exelixis, Inc. 401(k) Plan, pursuant to a plan statement dated as of September 23, 2016.
- Option granted pursuant to the Exelixis, Inc. 2014 Equity Incentive Plan. Option granted will vest as to 1/4th of the original number of shares subject to the option on the one-year anniversary of the Transaction Date, and thereafter as to 1/48th of the original number of shares subject to the option on each monthly anniversary of the Transaction Date.

Remarks:

/s/ Jeffrey J. Hessekiel, Attorney 09/26/2016
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** 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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