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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MORRISSEY MICHAEL (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O EXELIXIS, INC. 210 E. GRAND AVE. (Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA 94080 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EXELIXIS, INC. [EXEL] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President and CEO |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/09/2016 | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

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 | 11/09/2016 | | M | | 200,000 | A | \$8.99 | 260,000 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/09/2016 | | s ⁽²⁾ | | 200,000 | D | \$15 | 60,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 174,698 | I | By Trust ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 16,631 | 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 | | | | | | Title |
| Option (right to buy) | \$8.99 | 11/09/2016 | | M | | 200,000 | | 12/08/2007 ⁽⁵⁾ | 12/07/2016 | Common Stock | 200,000 | \$0 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Includes 60,000 shares of Exelixis, Inc. common stock that will be issued to the Reporting Person upon vesting of restricted stock units.
- The sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 27, 2016.
- Shares held by Michael M. Morrissey and Meghan D. Morrissey, Trustees of the Morrissey Family Living Trust dated July 21, 1994, as amended.
- Represents 16,631 shares of Exelixis, Inc. common stock under the Exelixis, Inc. 401(k) Plan, pursuant to a plan statement dated as of November 9, 2016.
- The option, representing the right to purchase a total of 200,000 shares of Exelixis, Inc. common stock, became fully exercisable on December 8, 2010.

Remarks:

/s/ Jeffrey J. Hessekiel, Attorney 11/14/2016
in Fact

** 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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