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* FISHERMAN JASON S						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EXELIXIS INC [EXEL]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/09/2004							Officer below)	(give title	10% O Other (below)		
75 STATE STREET, 29TH FLOOR						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable			
(Street) BOSTON MA		Α	02109								Line	X Form f	iled by One Re iled by More th			
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)													
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																
Date				Transactio ate lonth/Day/\	Execution Date,			Code (Ins	n Disposed	ities Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and			s Fo ally (D following (I)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 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 - 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/Yea	Code	action (Instr.			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)	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	Amount or Number of Shares					
Options (right to buy)	\$8.88	04/09/2004	04/09/2004	A		10,000		04/09/2004	04/09/2014	Common Stock	10,000	\$8.88	0	D		

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Janet L. Hennessy, attorney-04/12/2004

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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.

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