FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MCCORMICK FRANK | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EXELIXIS INC [EXEL] | | | | | | | | Relationship neck all appli X Directo | cable) or | Perso | 10% Ow | ner | | |
|---|---|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|--|--|---------|---|--|--|------------------|---|---|---|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| (Last) C/O EXI | (First) (Middle) XELIXIS, INC. | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/24/2012 | | | | | | | | | Officer (give title Other (below) below) | | | | pecify | |
| 210 E. GRAND AVE. | | | | | \vdash | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA | | 94080 | | 4.1 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. In Line | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (S | state) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tal | ble I - Non | -Deriv | ativ | e Se | curitie | s Ac | quired, C | isp | osed of | f, or Ber | neficia | ly Owned | l | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans Date (Month/l) | | | | Day/Year) if a | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year | | e, Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) | | ties Acquired (A) o d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | Benefic Owned | es Forn ally (D) o Following (I) (Ir | | Direct I Indirect I str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code V Amount | | (A) or (D) | Price | Reporte Transac (Instr. 3 | tion(s) | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | Table II - I | | | | | | uired, Dis , options | | | | | / Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | e (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any | | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | 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) | ly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | c | Code | v | (A) | | Date Exercisable | | xpiration ate | Title | Amoun or Numbe of Shares | | | | | | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$4.57 | 05/24/2012 | | | A | | 15,000 | | 05/24/2012 ⁽¹ |) 05 | 5/23/2019 | Common Stock | 15,000 | \$0 | 15,000 |) | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Option 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.

/s/ James B. Bucher, Attorney

05/25/2012

<u>in Fact</u>

** 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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