

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Sato, Glen Y. (Last) (First) (Middle) c/o Exelixis, Inc., 170 Harbor Way, P.O. Box 511 (Street) South San Francisco, CA 94083-0511 (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Exelixis Inc. (EXEL) 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 01/29/2003 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ___ Director ___ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below) SVP, CFO and General Counsel 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ___ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
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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 Transactions (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			

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 Instructions 4(b)(v).

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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 Underlying Securities (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 of Derivative Security: 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				
Option (right to buy)	\$6.52	01/29/2003		A		150,000		01/29/2003 (1)	01/28/2013	Common	150,000	\$6.52	260,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Option granted pursuant to Issuer's 2000 Equity Incentive Plan. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the shares vest on 1/29/04, and the remaining shares shall vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ Glen Y. Sato

01/30/2003

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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