Form 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0287

Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response. . . 0.5

Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See instructions 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Morrissey, Michael		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Exelixis Inc. (EXEL)						6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
									(Check all applicab	le)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) c/o Exelixis, Inc. 170 Harbor Way, P.O. Box 511	Numbe Person	Number of Reporting			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 03/20/2003				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Vice President, Discovery Research				
(Street) South San Francisco, CA 94083-511					5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)				7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)		Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired							d, 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)	Transa Code	Transaction or Disposed		d of (D) Bend and 5) Folic Tran					6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
	Code	V	Amou	unt	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 an	iu 4)					
Common Stock 03/20/2003 1	D			2,850	D	\$6.5785		64,556	D				

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control

SEC 1474 (9-02)

FORM 4 (continued)

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)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

1) Includes 1,306 shares the Reporting Person acquired on 10/31/00 and 750 shares the Reporting Person acquired on 04/30/01 both through the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Includes 62,500 shares 18,907 of which are subject to repurchase.

k*	Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).	/s/ Michael M. Morrissey	03/21/2003
		**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.

If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.

Page 2

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 $4(\acute{b})(v)$.