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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 24, 2013**

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**EXELIXIS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**000-30235**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**04-3257395**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**210 East Grand Ave.**  
**South San Francisco, California 94080**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(650) 837-7000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On January 24, 2013, Exelixis, Inc. announced the commercial availability of COMETRIQ™ (cabozantinib) for the treatment of patients with progressive, metastatic medullary thyroid cancer in the United States. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved COMETRIQ on November 29, 2012. COMETRIQ is being distributed exclusively through Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy in the United States.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 25, 2013

EXELIXIS, INC.

/s/ James B. Bucher

James B. Bucher

Vice President, Corporate Legal Affairs and Secretary