

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>RIVERA LUPE M</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) 249 EAST GRAND AVE. P.O. BOX 511 _____ (Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA 94083-0511 _____ (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>EXELIXIS INC [ EXEL ]</u>			5. 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, Operations		
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2009					
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
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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 Transaction(s) (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			

**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 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)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$7.18	12/09/2009		A	42,445		12/09/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/08/2019	Common Stock	42,445	\$0	42,445	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$7.18	12/09/2009		A	40,055		12/09/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/08/2019	Common Stock	40,055	\$0	40,055	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	12/09/2009		A	41,250		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	41,250	\$0	41,250	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Options granted pursuant to Issuer's 2000 Equity Incentive Plan. Twenty five percent (25%) of the shares vest one year from the grant date, and the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.
- Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of EXEL common stock.
- Restricted Stock Units granted pursuant to Issuer's 2000 Equity Incentive Plan. 1/4th of the original number of shares subject to the Restricted Stock Units will vest on February 15, 2011 and thereafter as to 1/16th of the original number of shares subject to the Restricted Stock Units on each succeeding May 15, August 15, November 15 and February 15. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person on the vesting date, provided that delivery may be delayed pursuant to the terms of the award agreement.

**Remarks:**

/s/ James B. Bucher, Attorney in Fact 12/11/2009

\*\* 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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