FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     WILLSEY LANCE					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EXELIXIS INC [ EXEL ]								elationship ceck all applic	,	rson(s) to Issi 10% Ov	
. , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2011								Officer below)	(give title	Other (s below)	pecify
(Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA 94080  (City) (State) (Zip)				4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable )  K Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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Date				. Transactio Date Month/Day/`	rear)	2A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea		Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)		d (A) or r. 3, 4 and	5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported	es Form ally (D) o Following (I) (In	n: Direct In or Indirect Bo nstr. 4) O	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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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	cise (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Dat if any (Month/Day/Ye	Code	action (Instr.	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable at Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Option (right to buy)	\$11.66	05/19/2011		A		15,000		05/19/2011 <sup>(1</sup>	) 05	5/18/2018	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

<u>05/20/2011</u>

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\*\* 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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