FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PAPADOPOULOS STELIOS | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EXELIXIS INC [EXEL] | | | | | (Che | ck all applic | | 10% Ow | ner | | |
|--|--|---|----------|--------------------------------------|---|----------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (F ELIXIS, IN | • | (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/24/2012 | | | | | | Officer below) | (give title | Other (s below) | pecify | | |
| 210 E. GRAND AVE. | | | | - | If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | | | |
| (Street) SOUTH FRANCI | - C | A | 94080 | 4 | . If Ame | endment, | Date o | of Original File | d (Month/Da | y/Year) | 6. In Line | Form fil | ed by One Rep | orting Person | | |
| (City) | (S | tate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | | | | 2. Transaction Date Month/Day/ | Execution Date | | Date, | Code (Instr. 5) | | | 5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F | es Form ally (D) o following (I) (In | n: Direct I or Indirect I nstr. 4) (| 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a | ion(s) | | Instr. 4) | | |
| | 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 | Conversion Date Execution D or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any Convertigative (Month/Day/Year) | | Code | 4. Transaction Code (Instr.) 8) | | ve es ed ed nstr. | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amoun 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) | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$4.57 | 05/24/2012 | | A | | 15,000 | | 05/24/2012 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/23/2019 | 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

05/25/2012

in Fact

** 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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