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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Lamb Peter</u>    |  |                  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EXELIXIS INC [ EXEL ] |   |           |   |           |        | (Ch                       | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title Other (specify |  |  |  |  |                           |      |                                      |   |
|---|--|------------------|---|---|-----------|---|-----------|--------|---------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|---------------------------|------|--------------------------------------|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>249 EAST GRAND AVE.                |  |                  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2009       |   |           |   |           |        | -                         | below)  |  | Rese   | below)   | ` '  |                           |      |                                      |   |
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| (City)  | (S   | tate)            | (Zip)   |   |           |   |           |        |                           |   |  |  |  |  |                           |      |                                      |   |
|   | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |                  |   |   |           |   |           |        |                           |   |  |  |  |  |                           |      |                                      |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/Date) |  |                  | Execution Date,   |   | Code (Ins | Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) Code (Instr. 5) |           |        |                           | 5. Amour<br>Securitie<br>Beneficia<br>Owned F   | s Form<br>Illy (D) or<br>ollowing (I) (In  | n: Direct   I<br>or Indirect   I<br>nstr. 4)   ( | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership                               |  |                           |      |                                      |   |
|   | Code V Amount (A) or (D)   |                  |   |   | Price     | Reported<br>Transact<br>(Instr. 3 a                       | action(s) |        |                           | (Instr. 4)  |  |  |  |  |                           |      |                                      |   |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                  |   |   |           |   |           |        |                           |   |  |  |  |  |                           |      |                                      |   |
|   |  | ransad<br>ode (l | ansaction of  |   |           | Expiration Date of Securit<br>(Month/Day/Year) Underlyin  |           |        | g<br>Security             | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)   | 9. Numbe<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | e<br>S<br>Illy                                   | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |                           |      |                                      |   |
|   |  |                  |   | C | ode       | v   | (A)       | (D)    | Date<br>Exercisable       | Ex<br>Da  | opiration  | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                   |  |                           |      |                                      |   |
| Incentive<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)             | \$5.96   | 09/01/2009       |   |   | A         |   | 75,000    |        | 09/01/2010 <sup>(1)</sup> | 08/   | 3/31/2019  | Common<br>Stock                                  | 75,000   | \$0  | 75,000                    | 0    | D                                    |   |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Option granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2000 Equity Incentive Plan. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the shares will vest one year from date of grant, and the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

## Remarks:

/s/ James B. Bucher, Attorney

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

11/20/2009

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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