FORM 4

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT	<b>OF CHANGES</b>	IN BENEFICIAL	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  KARBE FRANK				2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  EXELIXIS INC [ EXEL ]								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
KARD	LIMINI	<u>x</u>						-	-				Director Officer (	give title		10% Ow Other (s	
(Last)	(F	First)	(Middle)	-	Dete	- <b>f F</b> di 4	T		N 4 41-	(D () ()			below)	9.700		below)	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
, ,	ELIXIS, IN	,	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/28/2011						EVP and CFO						
210 E. GRAND AVE.																	
(Street)				<u> </u>	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
SOUTH	SAN C	Δ	94080									2		ed by One	Repor	ting Person	
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(City)	(S	State)	(Zip)														
		Ta	ıble I - Non-I	Derivat	ive S	ecuritie	s Ac	cquire	d, Di	sposed o	f, or Be	neficially	Owned				
Date			. Transacti ate Month/Day		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year		e, Transaction Disposed Code (Instr.		ties Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		Beneficial Owned Fo	Form (D) or		Direct I Indirect I str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
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Derivative Conversion Date Execution Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea	4. Transaction Code (Instr. r)		Derivative		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		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction (Instr. 4)	on(S)		
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$5.5	09/28/2011		A		150,000		09/28/20	)12 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/27/2018	Common Stock	150,000	\$0.00	150,000	0	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Options granted pursuant to Issuer's 2011 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.

/s/ James B. Bucher, Attorney in Fact 09/30/2011

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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