

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
July 14, 2009**

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Exelixis, Inc.

File No. 000-30235 - CF#23558

Exelixis, Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from Exhibits to a Form 10-Q filed on May 7, 2009, as amended on July 9, 2009.

Based on representations by Exelixis, Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 10.1 through August 5, 2013

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

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