FORM 4

obligations may continue. See

Instruction 1(b)

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EXELIXIS INC [EXEL] RIVERA LUPE M Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) SVP, Operations 03/17/2008 C/O EXELIXIS, INC. 170 HARBOR WAY, PO BOX 511 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable (Street) **SOUTH SAN** Form filed by One Reporting Person 94083-0511 CA FRANCISCO Form filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(111511.4)
Common Stock	03/17/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		2,213	D	\$4.9774	0	I	By 401(k) Plan
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Derivative

6. Date Exercisable and

Expiration Date

(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	8)		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		(Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 5)		Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

Conversion

1. Represents units in the Exelixis stock fund based on a plan statement dated March 26, 2008.

(Month/Day/Vear)

Remarks:

1. Title of

Derivative

Security

/s/ James B. Bucher, Attorney

03/28/2008

in Fact

Amount of

Securities

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

9. Number of

Ownership

of Indirect

Beneficial

derivative

Securities

8. Price of

Derivative

Security

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

3A. Deemed

Execution Date

- * 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).

Transaction

Code (Instr.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints George A. Scangos, Frank Karbe, Pamela A. Simonton and James B. Bucher of Exelixis, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), or any one of them acting singly, and with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to: (i) complete and execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer or director of the Company, Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") thereunder; (ii) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer or director of the Company, any Schedule 13D or 13G in accordance with Section 13(c) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the SEC thereunder; (iii) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 or Schedule 13D or 13G, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file or cause to be filed with the SEC and any securities exchange or similar authority such form, schedule, amendment or amendments thereto; and (iv) take any other action in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 13 or Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 and Schedules 13D and 13G with respect to the undersigned's holdings of, and transactions in, securities issued by the Company, unless otherwise earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact. By signing this Power of Attorney the undersigned revokes as of the date hereof all powers of attorney previously executed by the undersigned for the same purposes as this Power of Attorney.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 19th day of February, 2008.

/s/ Lupe Rivera	
Lupe Rivera	