

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>MORRISSEY MICHAEL</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O EXELIXIS, INC.</u> <u>210 E. GRAND AVE.</u>  (Street) <u>SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA 94080</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>EXELIXIS INC [ EXEL ]</u>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President and CEO</u>
	<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</b> <u>05/15/2012</u>	
	<b>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>	
		<b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock	05/15/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>		3,125	A	\$0	18,817	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2012		F		1,146 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$0	17,671	D	
Common Stock								72,500	I	By Trust <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								7,328	I	By 401(k) <sup>(4)</sup>

**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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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 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
Restricted Stock Units	(5)	05/15/2012		M		3,125		(6)	(6)	Common Stock	3,125	(5)	21,875	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Represents the conversion upon vesting of restricted stock units into common stock (the "Converted Common Stock"). On December 9, 2009, the reporting person was granted 50,000 restricted stock units, of which 1/16th of the shares subject to the restricted stock units vested on May 15, 2012. Such restricted stock units were previously reported in Table II on a Form 4 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 11, 2009.
- The reporting person is reporting the withholding by Exelixis, Inc. of 1,146 shares of common stock to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligations in connection with the delivery of the Converted Common Stock to the reporting person on May 15, 2012.
- Shares held by Michael M. Morrissey and Meghan D. Morrissey, Trustees of the Morrissey Family Living Trust dates July 21, 1994, as amended.
- Represents 7,328 shares of Exelixis, Inc. common stock under the Exelixis, Inc. 401(k) Plan, pursuant to a plan statement dated as of May 15, 2012.
- Each restricted stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Exelixis, Inc. common stock.
- On December 9, 2009, the reporting person was granted 50,000 restricted stock units, of which 1/16th of the shares subject to the restricted stock units vested on May 15, 2012. The common stock into which such vested restricted stock units converted on May 15, 2012 is reported in Table I on this Form 4. The remaining unvested restricted stock units will continue to vest as to 1/16th of the original number of shares subject to the restricted stock units on each succeeding August 15, November 15, February 15 and May 15 until fully vested.

/s/ James B. Bucher, Attorney in Fact 05/17/2012

\*\* 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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