FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* MORRISSEY MICHAEL M					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EXELIXIS INC [EXEL]								ck all applica Director	able)	g Perso	10% Ow Other (s below)	ner		
(Last) C/O EXE	F ELIXIS, IN	cirst)	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/10/2003							Senior VP, Discovery Research							
170 HARBOR WAY, PO BOX 511																			
(Street) SOUTH FRANCI	X	1	94083-0511		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					Line)	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person								
(City)	(S	state)	(Zip)																
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
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							Co	ode V	Amount	Amount (A) or (D)		Price	Transactio	tion(s)					
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	e (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	saction (Instr.	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)			of S Und Der	7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securitie Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti	e s ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerci	isable	Expiration Date	Title	- 1	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	ion(s)			
Option (right to buy)	\$6.15	12/10/2003		A		150,000		12/10/	2004 ⁽¹⁾	12/10/2013		mmon tock	150,000	\$0	305,0	00	D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Options granted pursuant to Issuer's 2000 Equity Incentive Plan. Twenty five percent (25%) of the shares vest on 12/10/2004, and the remaining shares shall vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

Remarks:

/s/ Michael M. Morrissey 12/12/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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