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VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA Form 4 December 18, 2006 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SANDERS CHARLES A Issuer Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS (Check all applicable) INC / MA [VRTX] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O VERTEX 12/15/2006 PHARMACEUTICALS **INCORPORATED, 130 WAVERLY** STREET (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Ownership (\mathbf{I}) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474 information contained in this form are not (9-02)required to respond unless the form

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Derivative Expiration Date ecurities (Month/Day/Year) acquired (A) r Disposed of D) Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share	
Stock Option	\$ 38.95	12/15/2006		А	20,000	12/15/2006(1)	12/14/2016	Common Stock	20,000	
Reporting Owners										

Reporting Owner Name / Addr	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SANDERS CHARLES A C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS IN 130 WAVERLY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139	Х					
Signatures						
Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-In-Fact	12/18/2006					
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date					

Explanation of Responses:

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).

(1) Right to buy under 2006 Stock and Option Plan. Fully vested.

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