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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Garber Alan M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

EXELIXIS INC [EXEL]

(Check all applicable)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

below)

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O EXELIXIS, INC., 210 E. GRAND AVE.

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

05/24/2012

Form filed by More than One Reporting

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

(State) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Execution Date, if Disposed of (D) Code anv (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (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.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

any

5. Number of 4. **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title Amount Date or Number of Share Option Common (right to \$ 4.57 05/24/2012 A 15,000 05/24/2012⁽¹⁾ 05/23/2019 15,000 Stock buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Garber Alan M

C/O EXELIXIS, INC.
210 E. GRAND AVE.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

Signatures

/s/ James B. Bucher, Attorney in Fact 05/25/2012

**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).
- Option granted pursuant to Issuer's 2000 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan. The option is exercisable immediately, subject to repurchase provisions, and will vest monthly over the following year.

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