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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Lamb Peter

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

EXELIXIS INC [EXEL]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

C/O EXELIXIS, INC., 249 EAST **GRAND AVE., PO BOX 511**

SVP, Discovery Research & CSO

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

02/26/2009

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94083-0511

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

(Instr. 3)

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership Form: Direct (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (right to	\$ 4.42	02/26/2009		A		25,000		02/26/2010(1)	02/25/2019	Common Stock	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Lamb Peter			SVP,				
C/O EXELIXIS, INC.			Discovery				
249 EAST GRAND AVE., PO BOX 511			Research &				
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94083-0511			CSO				

Signatures

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/s/ James B. Bucher, Attorney in Fact 03/02/2009

**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).
- Options granted pursuant to Issuer's 2000 Equity Incentive Plan. Twenty five percent (25%) of the shares vest one year from the grant date, and the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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