Pereira Christoph Form 4 December 15, 2004

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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 *

Pereira Christoph

(Last)

(City)

WAY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

EXELIXIS INC [EXEL] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(First)

(Month/Day/Year)

C/O EXELIXIS, INC, 170 HARBOR 12/13/2004

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

VP, Legal Affairs & Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, X1 94080

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

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

Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

7. Nature of

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

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

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	or Exercise		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities	(Month/Day/Year	r)	(Instr. 3 and 4	4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security				Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.92	12/13/2004		A	40,000	12/13/2005(1)	12/12/2014	Common Stock	40,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Pereira Christoph C/O EXELIXIS, INC 170 HARBOR WAY SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, X1 94080

VP, Legal Affairs & Secretary

Signatures

/s/ Christoph Pereira 12/15/2004

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Options granted pursuant to Issuer's 2000 Equity Incentive Plan. Twenty five percent (25%) of the shares vest on 12/13/2005, and the remaining shares shall vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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