

Alton Gregg H
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Alton Gregg H

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GILEAD SCIENCES, INC., 333
 LAKESIDE DRIVE

(Street)

FOSTER CITY, CA 94404

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GILEAD SCIENCES INC [GILD]

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

12/19/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

SVP, General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/19/2008		M	1,500	A \$ 8,9425	66,196	D
Common Stock	12/19/2008		S	1,500	D \$ 50	64,696	D

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 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	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)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 8.9425	12/19/2008		M	1,500	<u>(1)</u> 01/28/2013	Common Stock	1,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Alton Gregg H GILEAD SCIENCES, INC. 333 LAKESIDE DRIVE FOSTER CITY, CA 94404			SVP, General Counsel	

Signatures

/s/ Gregg H.
Alton 12/23/2008

**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) The options had a five year vesting schedule. 20% of the options vested on January 29, 2004, the first anniversary date of the grant. The balance vested 5% every three months thereafter until fully vested on January 29, 2008.

Remarks:

The exercise and sale transactions reported in this Form 4 are made pursuant to a Rule 105b-1 trading plan established by Mr. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.