

Heller Frances K
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Heller Frances K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 EXELIXIS INC [EXEL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O EXELIXIS, INC., 210 E. GRAND AVE.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/15/2011

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

EVP, Business Development

(Street)
 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

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

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/15/2011		M ⁽¹⁾	3,125 A \$ 0	17,125	D	
Common Stock					129	I	By 401(k) Plan ⁽²⁾

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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	05/15/2011		M	3,125	(4) (4)	Common Stock	3,125

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Heller Frances K C/O EXELIXIS, INC. 210 E. GRAND AVE. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080			EVP, Business Development	

Signatures

James B. Bucher, Attorney
in Fact
Date: 05/17/2011

**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) Represents the conversion upon vesting of restricted stock units into common stock. Such restricted stock units were granted on December 9, 2009 and were previously reported in Table II on a Form 4 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 11, 2009.
- (2) Represents 129 shares of Exelixis, Inc. common stock under the Exelixis, Inc. 401(k) Plan, pursuant to a plan statement dated as of May 16, 2011.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Exelixis, Inc. common stock.
- (4) On December 9, 2009, the reporting person was granted 50,000 restricted stock units, of which 1/16th of the shares subject to the restricted stock units vested on May 15, 2011. The common stock into which such vested restricted stock units converted on May 15, 2011 is reported in Table I on this Form 4. The remaining unvested restricted stock units will continue to vest as to 1/16th of the original number of shares subject to the restricted stock units on each succeeding August 15, November 15, February 15 and May 15 until fully vested.

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