SCANGOS GEORGE A

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SCANGOS GEORGE A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

EXELIXIS INC [EXEL]

(Check all applicable)

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

(First)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2008

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

President & CEO

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

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, CA 94083-0511

> (City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Beneficially Owned (I)

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

7. Nature of

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Following

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 Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) of Disposed of (I) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(D))		(Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amous Numb Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.04	12/16/2008		A		200,000		12/16/2009(1)	12/15/2018	Common Stock	200,0

Relationships

President & CEO

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			•	
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

X

SCANGOS GEORGE A C/O EXELIXIS INC. 249 EAST GRAND AVE., PO BOX 511 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94083-0511

Signatures

/s/ James B. Bucher, Attorney in Fact 12/18/2008

**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).
- 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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