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FORM 4

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

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

POSTE GEORGE

Symbol

EXELIXIS INC [EXEL]

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

C/O EXELIXIS, INC, 170 HARBOR 05/19/2010 WAY, PO BOX 511

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

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

(State)

Execution Date, if anv

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

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

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

5. Number of 4. **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative Security

or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration

Date

Title

Amount or Number of Share

15,000

Option

(right to \$ 5.92 buy)

05/19/2010

A 15,000 05/19/2010(1) 05/18/2020

Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director Officer Other Owner

POSTE GEORGE C/O EXELIXIS, INC 170 HARBOR WAY, PO BOX 511 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94083-0511

Signatures

/s/ James B. Bucher, Attorney in Fact

05/20/2010

**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).

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Options granted pursuant to Issuer's 2000 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan. The option is exercisable immediately, subject to repurchase provisions, and will vest monthly over the following year.

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