

Heller Frances K  
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# FORM 4

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## 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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Heller Frances K

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O EXELIXIS INC., 170 HARBOR WAY

(Street)

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94083-0511

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/15/2011

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)

EVP, Business Development

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 02/15/2011                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 12,500  | A  | \$ 0                              |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 129   | I  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | By 401(k) Plan <sup>(2)</sup>     |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (3)  | 02/15/2011                           |  | M                              | 12,500  | (4) (4)  | Common Stock  | 12,500                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| Heller Frances K<br>C/O EXELIXIS INC.<br>170 HARBOR WAY<br>SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94083-0511 |               |           | EVP, Business Development |       |

## Signatures

James B. Bucher, Attorney in Fact  
02/15/2011

\_\_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 February 14, 2011.
  - (3) Each restricted stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Exelixis, Inc. common stock.

On December 9, 2009, the reporting person was granted 50,000 restricted stock units, of which 1/4th of the shares subject to the restricted stock units vested on February 15, 2011. The common stock into which such vested restricted stock units converted on February 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 May 15, August 15, November 15 and February 15 until fully vested.

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