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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Section 16. Form 4 or

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Orwin John A Issuer Symbol AFFYMAX INC [AFFY] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify C/O AFFYMAX, INC., 4001 08/18/2011 below) below) MIRANDA AVE. **CEO**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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

(Zip)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price 12,000 Common 08/18/2011 S D 148,000 D (1) Stock 4.55

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)

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Orwin John A C/O AFFYMAX, INC. 4001 MIRANDA AVE. PALO ALTO, CA 94304	X		CEO				

Signatures

/s/ Grace U. Shin, Attorney-in-fact 08/18/2011

**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).
- In connection with the grant of 60,000 shares of performance-based restricted stock units on September 22, 2010, 30,000 shares vested upon acceptance by the FDA of the NDA for peginesatide of which 12,000 shares were sold on August 18, 2011 pursuant to a 10b-5-1 plan in order to satisfy the tax withholding obligations that arose as a consequence of the vesting and delivery of the RSUs.

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