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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add Orwin John A	ress of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AFFYMAX INC [AFFY]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Choth an apphonene)		
C/O AFFYMAX, INC., 4001 MIRANDA AVE.		(Month/Day/Year) 07/13/2012	_X Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO		
	(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
PALO ALTO	. CA 94304	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Date, if Transaction		4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	07/13/2012		M	2,200	A	\$ 5.83	110,700	D	
Common Stock	07/13/2012		S	18,700 (1)	D	\$ 15	92,000	D	

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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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number conf Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	of Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.83	07/13/2012		M	2,200	(2)	09/21/2020	Common Stock	2,200

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		СЕО				

Signatures

/s/ Grace U. Shin, Attorney-in-Fact 07/16/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Da

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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) The shares vest and become exercisable in a series of forty-eight (48) successive equal monthly installments over the four (4) year period measured from September 22, 2010.

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