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FORM 4

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Orwin John A Issuer Symbol AFFYMAX INC [AFFY] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title __ Other (specify C/O AFFYMAX, INC., 4001 08/20/2012 below) below) MIRANDA AVE. **CEO** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, 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)		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	08/20/2012		Code V M	Amount 11,500	(D)	Price \$ 5.83	103,500	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2012		M	37,496	A	\$ 6.9	140,996	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2012		S	48,996 (1)	D	\$ 17.5	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)

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 of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.83	08/20/2012		M	11,500	(2)	09/21/2020	Common Stock	11,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.9	08/20/2012		M	37,496	(3)	01/31/2021	Common Stock	37,496

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Grace U. Shin, Attorney-in-fact 08/22/2012

**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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) The Shares vest and become exercisable is a series of forty-eight successive equal monthly installments over the four (4) year period measured from September 22, 2010.
- (3) The Shares vest and become exercisable is a series of forty-eight successive equal monthly installments over the four (4) year period measured from February 1, 2011.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Reporting Owners 2

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