

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Silva Paul M</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED,Â 130 WAVERLY STREET</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>CAMBRIDGE,Â MAÂ 02139</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>09/29/2008</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p>___ Director ___ 10% Owner ___X___ Officer ___ Other (give title below) (specify below) V.P. and Corporate Controller</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p>___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 2,250 ⁽¹⁾ | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 1,000 ⁽²⁾ | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 500 ⁽³⁾ | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 300 | I | 401(k) |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| Stock Option | 11/13/2007 ⁽⁴⁾ | 08/12/2017 | Common Stock | 7,500 | \$ 36.27 | D | Â |
| Stock Option | 05/07/2008 ⁽⁵⁾ | 02/06/2018 | Common Stock | 7,500 | \$ 18.93 | D | Â |
| Stock Option | 10/24/2008 ⁽⁶⁾ | 07/23/2018 | Common Stock | 3,750 | \$ 32.16 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Silva Paul M C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED 130 WAVERLY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 | Â | Â | Â V.P. and Corporate Controller | Â |

Signatures

Valerie L. Andrews,
Attorney-In-Fact

09/30/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Stock grant made under 2006 Stock and Option Plan, 750 shares vesting on 8/13/2009; 750 shares vesting 8/13/2010; and 750 shares vesting on 8/13/2011.
 - (2) Stock grant made under 2006 Stock and Option Plan vesting in four equal annual installments from 2/7/2008.
 - (3) Stock grant made under 2006 Stock and Option Plan vesting in four equal annual installments from 7/24/2008.
 - (4) Right to buy shares of Common Stock under 2006 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 16 equal quarterly installments from 8/13/07.
 - (5) Right to buy shares of Common Stock under 2006 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 16 equal quarterly installments from 2/7/08.
 - (6) Right to buy shares of Common Stock under 2006 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 16 equal quarterly installments from 7/24/08.

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