

EXELIXIS, INC.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Hessekiel Jeffrey

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O EXELIXIS, INC., 210 E. GRAND AVE.

(Street)

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/28/2016

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 and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.7 | 04/28/2016 | A | | 100,000 | | 04/28/2016 ⁽¹⁾ | 09/18/2021 | Common Stock | 100,000 |
| Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.9 | 04/28/2016 | A | | 50,000 | | 04/28/2016 ⁽³⁾ | 02/04/2022 | Common Stock | 50,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hessekiel Jeffrey C/O EXELIXIS, INC. 210 E. GRAND AVE. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080 | | | EVP and General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey J. Hessekiel 04/29/2016

**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) On September 19, 2014, the Reporting Person was granted a performance-based stock option to purchase 400,000 shares of common stock pursuant to the Exelixis, Inc. 2014 Equity Incentive Plan. Vesting of the option is tied to performance goals set by the Compensation Committee (the "Committee") as follows: (i) 50% of the option will vest if the Committee determines that top-line efficacy data received from the METEOR phase 3 pivotal trial of cabozantinib in metastatic renal cell carcinoma ("mRCC") met its primary endpoint at a specified level, with such result to occur no later than a specified date; (ii) 25% of the option will vest if the Committee confirms that a new drug application ("NDA") for cabozantinib for the treatment of mRCC is accepted for review by the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") by a specified date; and (iii) 25% of the option will vest if the Committee confirms that the FDA has approved cabozantinib for the treatment of mRCC by a specified date.

(2) On April 28, 2016, the Committee convened to determine that the NDA for cabozantinib for the treatment of mRCC was approved by the FDA within the time period permitted by the performance goals, resulting in the vesting of the option as to the remaining 100,000 shares.

(3) On February 5, 2015, the Reporting Person was granted a performance-based stock option to purchase 200,000 shares of common stock pursuant to the Exelixis, Inc. 2014 Equity Incentive Plan. Vesting of the option is tied to performance goals set by the Committee as follows: (i) 50% of the option will vest if the Committee determines that top-line efficacy data received from the METEOR phase 3 pivotal trial of cabozantinib in mRCC met its primary endpoint at a specified level, with such result to occur no later than a specified date; (ii) 25% of the option will vest if the Committee confirms that an NDA for cabozantinib for the treatment of mRCC is accepted for review by the FDA by a specified date; and (iii) 25% of the option will vest if the Committee confirms that the FDA has approved cabozantinib for the treatment of mRCC by a specified date.

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- (4) On April 28, 2016, the Committee convened to determine that the NDA for cabozantinib for the treatment of mRCC was approved by the FDA within the time period permitted by the performance goals, resulting in the vesting of the option as to the remaining 50,000 shares.

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