FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(Last) 10260 BUBB RO	(First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/17/2012	X	Director Officer (give title below) Exec. VP Phar	10% Owner Other (specify below) rm./R&D				
(Street) CUPERTINO (City)	CA (State)	95014 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indi Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Fili Form filed by One Rep Form filed by More th Person	porting 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. Transact Code (In 8)		Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	v	Amount (A) or Price		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	10/17/2012		М		14,374	Α	\$0.78	14,374	D		
Common Stock	10/17/2012		М		28,004	Α	\$0.78	42,378	D		
Common Stock	10/17/2012		М		31,076	Α	\$0.78	73,454	D		
Common Stock								41,816	ı	by Trust	

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. Transact Code (In 8)		of Deri Secu Acq or D of (I	umber ivative urities uired (A) visposed O) (Instr. and 5)			of Securities		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(instr. 4)		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$0.78	10/17/2012		М			14,374	05/03/2012 ⁽¹⁾	02/03/2022	Common Stock	14,374	\$0	154,844	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$0.78	10/17/2012		М			28,004	02/03/2012 ⁽²⁾	02/03/2022	Common Stock	28,004	\$0	126,840	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$0.78	10/17/2012		М			31,076	05/03/2012 ⁽³⁾	02/03/2022	Common Stock	31,076	\$0	95,764	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The option vested in two equal installments on May 3, 2012 and August 3, 2012.
- 2. Fully vested.
- 3. The option vested in two equal installments on May 3, 2012 and August 3, 2012.

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10/18/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * 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).

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