

EXELIXIS, INC.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**MORRISSEY MICHAEL**

(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)  
**07/20/2015**

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)  
**President and CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)	\$ 5.51	07/20/2015	A		240,000		07/20/2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/17/2020	Common Stock	240,000
Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.7	07/20/2015	A		562,500		07/20/2015 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/18/2021	Common Stock	562,500
Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.9	07/20/2015	A		225,000		07/20/2015 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/04/2022	Common Stock	225,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORRISSEY MICHAEL C/O EXELIXIS, INC. 210 E. GRAND AVE. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey J. Hessekiel, Attorney  
in Fact

07/22/2015

\_\_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).

On September 18, 2013, the Reporting Person was granted a performance-based stock option to purchase 480,000 shares of common stock pursuant to the Exelixis, Inc. 2011 Equity Incentive Plan. Vesting of the option is tied to performance goals set by the Compensation Committee ("Committee") as follows: (i) 50% of such stock option will vest if the Committee determines that top-line efficacy data received from the METEOR Phase 3 clinical 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; and (ii) 50% of such option will vest if the Committee confirms that cabozantinib is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") or European Medicines Agency for the treatment of metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer ("mCRPC") by a specified date.

(1) On July 20, 2015, the Committee convened to determine that top-line efficacy data received from METEOR met its primary endpoint at the level specified and within the time period permitted by the performance goals, resulting in the vesting of the option as to 240,000 shares. As a consequence of the failure of cabozantinib to meet the primary endpoints in Exelixis' clinical trials of cabozantinib for the treatment of patients with mCRPC, on December 10, 2014, the Committee determined that the regulatory approval goal for the option had not, and would not, be achieved, resulting in the Reporting Person forfeiting 50% of the option.

(3) On September 19, 2014, the Reporting Person was granted a performance-based stock option to purchase 1,125,000 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

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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 a new drug application ("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.

- (4) On July 20, 2015, the Committee convened to determine that top-line efficacy data received from METEOR met its primary endpoint at the level specified and within the time period permitted by the performance goals, resulting in the vesting of the option as to 562,500 shares.

- On February 5, 2015, the Reporting Person was granted a performance-based stock option to purchase 450,000 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.

- (6) On July 20, 2015, the Committee convened to determine that top-line efficacy data received from METEOR met its primary endpoint at the level specified and within the time period permitted by the performance goals, resulting in the vesting of the option as to 225,000 shares.

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