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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ALAM JOHN J Issuer Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS (Check all applicable) INC / MA [VRTX] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O VERTEX 02/02/2006 EVP, Med. Product Dev. & CMO **PHARMACEUTICALS** INCORPORATED, 130 WAVERLY **STREET** (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 CAMBRIDGE, MA 01239

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D) Common 12,200 \$ 02/02/2006 103,856 D A (1) 0.01 Stock Common 5,890 I 401(k)Stock

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)

Derivative		Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionDerivative		Expiration Date		Underlying Securities	
	Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year	r)	(Instr. 3 and	4)
	(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A)				
		Derivative				or Disposed of	•			
		Security				(D)				
						(Instr. 3, 4,				
						and 5)				
										Amount
							Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Expiration		or
								Date		Number
					Code V	(A) (D)	1			of Share
	Stock Option	\$ 35.64	02/02/2006		A	73,500	05/02/2006(2)	02/01/2016	Common Stock	73,500

Reporting Owners

Relationships

6. Date Exercisable and

7. Title and Amount of

Other

Reporting Owner Name / Address

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

Director 10% Owner Officer

ALAM JOHN J C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED 130 WAVERLY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 01239

EVP, Med. Product Dev. & CMO

Signatures

1. Title of

Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-In-Fact

02/06/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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) Stock grant made under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting on 2/2/2010, subject to acceleration upon achievement of certain performance-based milestones.
- (2) Right to buy under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 16 equal quarterly installments from 02/02/2006.

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