

POTTER MYRTLE S
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
POTTER MYRTLE S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1 DNA WAY

(Street)

SO SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GENENTECH INC [DNA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/26/2005

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,

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/26/2005		M	9,103	A \$ 14.28	10,357	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005		S	9,103	D \$ 78.75	1,254	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005		M	100	A \$ 14.28	1,354	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005		S	100	D \$ 78.74	1,254	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005		M	1,214	A \$ 14.28	2,468	D

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Common Stock	05/26/2005	S	1,214	D	\$ 78.73	1,254	D	
Common Stock	05/26/2005	M	7,500	A	\$ 42.05	8,754	D	
Common Stock	05/26/2005	S	7,500	D	\$ 78.73	1,254	D	
Common Stock						1,833	I	by Managed Account

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 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.28	05/26/2005		M	9,103	09/12/2002 ⁽¹⁾	09/12/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.28	05/26/2005		M	100	09/12/2002 ⁽¹⁾	09/12/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.28	05/26/2005		M	1,214	09/12/2002 ⁽¹⁾	09/12/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 42.05	05/26/2005		M	7,500	09/11/2003 ⁽¹⁾	09/11/2013	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
POTTER MYRTLE S 1 DNA WAY SO SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080			PRESIDENT,	

Signatures

By: Janna Berry, Attorney-in-Fact For: Myrtle S.
Potter

05/27/2005

__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).

This stock option vests over four years, with the first 25% of the shares vesting one year from the grant date and 75% of the shares (1) vesting in equal monthly increments over the following three years. This option may be immediately exercisable with the consent of Genentech.

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