

KARBE FRANK  
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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 \*  
**KARBE FRANK**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
249 EAST GRAND AVE., P.O.  
BOX 511  
(Street)

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94083-0511

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/09/2009

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 & Chief Financial Officer

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 Underlying S |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|---------------------------|
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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        |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)     | \$ 7.18                                  | 12/09/2009           | A               | 14,591  | 12/09/2010 <sup>(1)</sup> | 12/08/2019       | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 7.18                                  | 12/09/2009           | A               | 172,909   | 12/09/2010 <sup>(1)</sup> | 12/08/2019       | Common Stock |
| Restricted Stock Units                    | <sup>(2)</sup>                           | 12/09/2009           | A               | 31,250  | <sup>(3)</sup>            | <sup>(3)</sup>   | Common Stock |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| KARBE FRANK<br>249 EAST GRAND AVE.<br>P.O. BOX 511<br>SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94083-0511 |               |           | EVP & Chief Financial Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ James B. Bucher, Attorney in Fact 12/11/2009

<sup>(1)</sup>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) Options granted pursuant to Issuer's 2000 Equity Incentive Plan. Twenty five percent (25%) of the shares vest one year from the grant date, and the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of EXEL common stock.  
Restricted Stock Units granted pursuant to Issuer's 2000 Equity Incentive Plan. 1/4th of the original number of shares subject to the Restricted Stock Units will vest on February 15, 2011 and thereafter as to 1/16th of the original number of shares subject to the Restricted Stock Units on each succeeding May 15, August 15, November 15 and February 15. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person on the vesting date, provided that delivery may be delayed pursuant to the terms of the award agreement.

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