

Alton Gregg H
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FORM 4

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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 *
Alton Gregg H

(Last) (First) (Middle)
GILEAD SCIENCES, INC., 333
LAKESIDE DRIVE
(Street)

FOSTER CITY, CA 94404

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GILEAD SCIENCES INC [GILD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/08/2012

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, Corp & Med Affairs

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2012 | | M | | \$ 17.4975 | 43,790 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2012 | | S | | \$ 46.3461 | 34,790 | D |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 17.4975 | 03/08/2012 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 6,000 | ⁽³⁾ 07/29/2013 | Common Stock | 6,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Alton Gregg H GILEAD SCIENCES, INC. 333 LAKESIDE DRIVE FOSTER CITY, CA 94404 | | | EVP, Corp & Med Affairs | |

Signatures

/s/ Kristen M. Metzger by Power of Attorney for Gregg H.
Alton

03/12/2012

__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) Sale prices reported for the transaction reported here range from \$45.78 to \$46.55. Full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each price will be provided to the SEC, the issuer or its shareowners upon request.
- (2) Pursuant to a Rule 105b-1 trading plan established by Mr. Alton on February 7, 2012.
- (3) The options have a five year vesting schedule. 20% vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant. The balance will vest 5% quarterly thereafter until fully vested.

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