FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|   | or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940                               |  |
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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Connolly Thomas  (Last) (First) (Middle) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [ VRTX ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title other (specify below) |
| C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED 50 NORTHERN AVENUE                      | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/05/2014                          | SVP, Human Resources   |
| 50 NORTHERN AVENUE  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                             | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  |
| Street) BOSTON MA 02210   |  | X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person   |
| (City) (State) (Zip)  |  |  |

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities 6. Ownership Form: Direct 7. Nature of 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 3. Transaction Indirect (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) 8) Owned Following Ownership (Instr. 4) (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) or (D) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code ν Amount Price 11,875(1) Common Stock 02/05/2014 Α A \$0.01 15,647 D 02/05/2014 938 Common Stock M A \$45.11 16,585 D **S**<sup>(2)</sup> Common Stock 02/05/2014 200 D \$76.82(3)(4) 16,385 D S<sup>(2)</sup> Common Stock 02/05/2014 738 D \$77.83(4)(5) 15,647 D 150 401(k) Common Stock T

## Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 5. Numbof<br>of<br>Derivati<br>Securiti<br>Acquire<br>(A) or<br>Dispose<br>(D) (Inst<br>4 and 5) | ve<br>es<br>ed<br>ed of<br>tr. 3, | Expiration Date e (Month/Day/Year) s |                    | of Securities   |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)  | (D)                               | Date<br>Exercisable                  | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$77.31   | 02/05/2014                                 |   | A                            |   | 62,750   |                                   | (6)                                  | 02/04/2024         | Common<br>Stock | 62,750                                 | \$0.00  | 62,750   | D  |  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$45.11   | 02/05/2014                                 |   | M                            |   |  | 938                               | (7)                                  | 02/04/2023         | Common<br>Stock | 938                                    | \$0.00  | 11,250   | D  |  |

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Stock grant under 2006 Stock and Option Plan, vesting on 2/5/2018, subject to (i) acceleration of 50% of shares upon (a) reaching a specified net product sales level over a one-year period for a combination regimen that includes ivacaftor and a CFTR corrector or (b) dosing of the first patient in the first clinical trial to evaluate a second-generation CFTR corrector compound and (ii) acceleration of 50% of shares upon (a) dosing of the first patient in a pivotal trial for a regimen including VX-661 or a specified cancer compound or (b) reaching a specified net product sales level over a one-year period for all our products.
- 2. Transaction made pursuant to Mr. Connolly's company approved trading plan under Rule 10b5-1.
- 3. Open market sales reported on this line occurred at a weighted average price of \$76.82 (range \$76.49 to \$77.14).
- 4. Mr. Connolly undertakes to provide (upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer) full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- 5. Open market sales reported on this line occurred at a weighted average price of \$77.83 (range \$77.47 to \$78.13).
- 6. The option vests in 16 quarterly installments from 02/05/2014.
- 7. The option vests in 16 quarterly installments from 02/05/2013.

#### Remarks:

Kenneth L. Horton, Attorney-In-Fact

02/07/2014

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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).

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