FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MUELLER PETER				VEF	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC /  MA [ VRTX ]									heck all a	hip of Reportir pplicable) ector ficer (give title	ng Person(s) to I 10% ( Other			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2005									De	low) CSO & SVP		elow) cover		
130 WAVERLY STREET  (Street)  CAMBRIDGE MA 02139					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(	State) (	Zip)																
		Tab	e I - Noi	n-Deriv	ative S	ecu	rities	Acq	uired,	Dis	posed o	f, or	Bene	eficia	ally Ow	ned			
Date				2. Transa Date (Month/D	Ex (ay/Year) if a		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		rities Acquired (A ed Of (D) (Instr. 3,			nd Sed Ber Ow	mount of urities eficially ned Following orted	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount	(A (D	) or )	Price	Trai	saction(s) tr. 3 and 4)			(1113411 4)
Common Stock			12/21	/21/2005				S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,496	6 D S		\$27	84 74,554		D			
Common Stock															3,220	I		401(k)	
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ative Conversion Date Execution Date, ity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		str. 3	8. Price c Derivativ Security (Instr. 5)		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(D) rect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Transaction made pursuant to Dr. Mueller's company approved trading plan established under Rule 10b5-1.

## Remarks:

Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-

12/21/2005

**In-Fact** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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