FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SMITH IAN F							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX]								5. Relationship of Reporting (Check all applicable) Director Officer (give title			ner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED 130 WAVERLY STREET					02	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2006 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & CFO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139				-									NEW POTENTIAL OF THE PRINCE OF						
(City) (State) (Zip)																			
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Common Stock 02/02/							2006		A		12,200	00 ⁽¹⁾ A S		1 82	82,450		D		
Common Stock													3,	3,928		1 1	shares 401(k)		
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Stock Option	\$35.64	02/02/2006			A		73,500		05/02/2006	6 ⁽²⁾	02/01/2016	Commor Stock	73,500	\$0	335,20	09	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Stock grant made under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting on 02/02/2010, subject to acceleration upon achievement of certain performance-based milestones.
- 2. Right to buy under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 16 equal quarterly installments from 02/02/2006.

Remarks:

<u>Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-</u> In-Fact

02/06/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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