FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* MUELLER PETER						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX]									ck all applic Director	able)	g Pers	on(s) to Issu 10% Ow Other (s below)	/ner
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2005									CSO	& SVP I	Drug :	Discovery	
130 WAVERLY STREET						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139					_										X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)																			
		Ta	ble I - No	n-Deri\	vativ	e Se	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	osed o	f, or B	ene	ficially	Owned				
Date					2. Transaction Date Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea		Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)			(A) or 3, 4 and	Securitie Beneficia Owned F	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		: Direct I r Indirect I str. 4) (7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount	(A)	or	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 02/03					3/200	2005		A		7,200(1)	A	\$0.01	76,040			D		
Common Stock														962			1 1	shares 401(k)	
			Table II -						uired, Di s, option						Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y	Date, T	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exe Expiration (Month/Day	Date	of Securiti		rities ying ive S	ecurity	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	0 N	Amount or Jumber of Shares					
Stock	\$10.41	02/03/2005			A	36,000		05/03/2005	(2)	02/02/2015	Common 36.		36,000	\$0	282,800		D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Stock grant made under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting on 02/03/2009, 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 02/03/2005.

Remarks:

Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-

02/07/2005

<u>In-Fact</u>

** 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).
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