FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ALAM JOHN J | 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 below) below) | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/17/2007 | EVP, Medicines Dev., & CMO | | | | |
| 130 WAVERLY STREET (Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 01239 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 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) | | | | | | |

| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transaction Di Code (Instr. 5) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (11301. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 01/17/2007 | | M | | 1,000 | A | \$18.47 | 104,376 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 01/17/2007 | | M | | 500 | A | \$9.07 | 104,876 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 01/17/2007 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,000 | D | \$38.29 | 103,876 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 01/17/2007 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 500 | D | \$38.29 | 103,376 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 6,265 | I | 401(k) | |

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. Transa Code (8) | | 5. Number of Expiration Date Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | e | and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 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) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Options | \$18.47 | 01/17/2007 | | M | | | 1,000 | 12/26/1997 ⁽²⁾ | 09/25/2007 | Common Stock | 1,000 | \$0 | 494,495 | D | |
| Stock Options | \$9.07 | 01/17/2007 | | M | | | 500 | 03/11/2004 ⁽³⁾ | 12/10/2013 | Common Stock | 500 | \$0 | 493,995 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Transaction made pursuant to Dr. Alam's company approved trading plan established under rule 10b5-1.
- $2.\ Right to buy under 1996\ Stock\ and\ Option\ Plan,\ vesting\ quarterly\ over\ 5\ years\ from\ 9/26/1997.$
- 3. Right to buy under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting quarterly over 4 years from 12/11/2003.

Remarks:

Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-In-Fact

01/18/2007

** 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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