FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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]							(Che				Issuer 6 Owner er (specify
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/06/2007								EVP, Medicines Dev. & CMO			
130 WAVERLY STREET (Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 01239					4.									idividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(5	State)	(Zip)														
		Tal	ole I - No	n-Der	ivativ	re Se	ecuri	ties Ac	quired,	Dis	posed of	f, or Ber	neficially	/ Owned			
Dat				Date	l. Transaction Date Month/Day/Year)			eemed tion Date, h/Day/Yea	Code (Transaction Code (Instr.		es Acquired Of (D) (Insti	d (A) or r. 3, 4 and 5	Beneficia Owned F	es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	tion(s)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock					08/06/2007						10,000) A	\$13.67	129	129,324		
Common Stock					08/06/2007						1,966	A	\$18.47	7 131	131,290		
Common Stock 0					3/06/2007				M		6,350	A	\$9.07	137	137,640		
Common Stock 08/					06/200)7			M		12,404	I A	\$9.69	150	,044	D	
Common Stock 08/0					06/200)7			S ⁽¹⁾		30,720) D	\$35	119	,324	D	
Common Stock														5,	5,102		401(k)
			Table II -								osed of, convertib			Owned			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) 2. Conversion Date Of Exercise Price of Derivative Security 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Y			3A. Deeme Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date,		Transaction Code (Instr.		of		6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Owner Form: Direct or Indi (I) (Ins	(D) Beneficial Ownership rect (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option	\$13.67	08/06/2007			M			10,000	03/12/1998	3 ⁽²⁾	12/11/2007	Common Stock	10,000	\$0	0	D	
Stock Option	\$18.47	08/06/2007			M			1,966	12/26/1997	7(2)	12/25/2007	Common Stock	1,966	\$0	0	D	
Stock Option	\$9.07	08/06/2007			M			6,350	03/11/2004	1 (3)	12/10/2013	Common Stock	6,350	\$0	3,050	D	
Stock Option	\$9.69	08/06/2007			M			12,404	06/17/2004	₄ (3)	03/16/2014	Common Stock	12,404	\$0	15,946	5 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. Fully Vested
- 3. Right to buy under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting quarterly over 4 years.

Remarks:

Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-

08/08/2007

In-Fact

** 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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