FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name an   | VE  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [ VRTX ] |   |          |                  |                 |  |  |   |         | all app  | p of Reportin<br>blicable)<br>ctor<br>er (give title   | g Persor            | 10% C |   |  |   |  |  |            |
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| (Last)<br>C/O VEF<br>INCORP  | ORATEL  |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2009 |          |                  |                 |  |  |   |         |  | X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  EVP & CFO |                     |       |   |  |   |  |  |            |
| 130 WAVERLY STREET  (Street)  CAMBRIDGE MA 02139  (City) (State) (Zip)           |   |   |   |          |                  |                 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |   |         |  |  |                     |       | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X  | '  |   |  |  |            |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |   |   |   |          |                  |                 |  |  |   |         |  |  |                     |       |   |  |   |  |  |            |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transactic Date (Month/Day/                  |   |   |   |          |                  | Execution Date, |  |  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) |         |  |  | and 5) Secu<br>Bene |       | icially<br>d Following  | 6. Owner<br>Form: D<br>(D) or Ir<br>(I) (Insti | Direct<br>Indirect  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                |  |            |
|  |   |   |   |          |                  |                 |  |  |   | Code    | v  | Amount   | (A) or<br>(D)       | Price | Tra   |  | action(s)<br>3 and 4)   |  |  | (Instr. 4) |
| Common   | 2009  | 009   |   |          | S <sup>(1)</sup> |                 | 32,500   | D  | \$28.   | 9(2)(3) |  | 1,035  | Γ                   | )     |   |  |   |  |  |            |
| Common   |   |   |   |          |                  |                 |  |  |   |         |  | 4,421  | I                   |       | 401(k)  |  |   |  |  |            |
|  |   |   | Та  | ble II - |                  |                 |  |  |   |         |  | osed of, convertib                                     |                     |       |   | vned   |   |  |  |            |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                              | ative Conversion Date Execution<br>rity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any |   |   |          |                  |                 |  | rative<br>rities<br>ired<br>r<br>osed<br>) | 6. Date<br>Expirat<br>(Month  | ion Da  | Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) |  |                     |       | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Owr<br>Forr<br>Dire<br>or Ir<br>(I) (I         | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |            |
|  |   |   | Code  | v        | (A)              | (D)             | Date<br>Exercisable                                      |  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                   |  |                     |       |   |  |   |  |  |            |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Transaction made pursuant to Mr. Smith's company approved trading plan establishd under Rule 10b5-1.
- $2. Open \ market \ sales \ reported \ on \ this \ line \ occurred \ at \ a \ weighted \ average \ price \ of \ \$28.90 \ (range \ \$28.70 \ to \ \$29.23).$
- 3. Mr. Smith undertakes to provide (upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer) full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

## Remarks:

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

05/11/2009

\*\* 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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