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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  ALAM JOHN J					VI	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [ VRTX ]										Check	all app	o of Reportin licable) ctor er (give title	g Pers	10% C		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2006										X	belov		below)				
130 WAVERLY STREET  (Street)  CAMBRIDGE MA 01239  (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										i. Indiv ine) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
			Tabl	e I - Nor	n-Deriv	ative	Se	curi	ities	s Acq	uired,	Dis	osed o	f, o	r Ben	efici	ally	Owne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)				Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) 5)						4 and Secur Benef		cially I Following	Form:	nership Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)					
								Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	,	Transa	ansaction(s) estr. 3 and 4)			(1130.4)			
Common Stock 12/13/3				/2006	2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,500		D	\$38	8.54 1		.02,356		D					
Common Stock 12/13/				/2006	2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>		480		D	\$38	38.85		101,876		D					
Common Stock																(	5,265		I	401(k)		
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																					
L. Title of Derivative Security  Instr. 3)  2.  Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  Month/Day/Year)		3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da	n Date, ay/Year)  Transact Code (In 8)			or. of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date			Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		ount nber	t		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ov Fo Di or (I)	wnership orm: rect (D) Indirect (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Transaction made pursuant to Dr. Alam's company approved trading plan established under Rule 10b5-1.

## Remarks:

Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-

12/14/2006

**In-Fact** 

\*\* 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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