VIVUS INC Form 4 January 29, 2008

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SHORTLIFFE LINDA M DAIRIKI 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

VIVUS INC (VVUS)

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

1172 CASTRO STREET 01/25/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Following

(Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s)

(A) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Ar 4 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Se Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3) Price of (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

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Derivative or Disposed of Security (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title

Date

Non-Qualified

Stock Option (right to buy)

\$ 6.05 01/25/2008

A 22,000

02/01/2008(1) 01/25/2018

Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SHORTLIFFE LINDA M DAIRIKI 1172 CASTRO STREET MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040

X

Signatures

By: Kate Higgins For: Linda Shortliffe

01/29/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The option vests in eight equal monthly installments beginning on 2/1/08.

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