EXELIXIS INC Form SC TO-C June 05, 2009

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

Tender Offer Statement Under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

EXELIXIS, INC.

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Filing Person (Offeror))

COMMON STOCK, \$0.001 PAR VALUE

(Title of Class of Securities)

30161Q104

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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to Receive Notices and Communications on Behalf of Filing Person)

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Attached is a copy of an email sent by George Scangos, President and Chief Executive Officer of Exelixis, Inc. (Exelixis or the Company) to the Company s employees on June 5, 2009 regarding the Company s proposed exchange of certain outstanding options for a reduced number of replacement stock options to be granted under the Exelixis, Inc. 2000 Equity Incentive Plan with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of Exelixis common stock at the time of exchange (the Option Exchange Program).

On June 5, 2009, Mr. Scangos will make a presentation to the Company s employees (the Employee Communication) to introduce the Option Exchange Program. The slide constituting the Employee Communication is also attached.

The communications attached as exhibits to this Schedule TO do not constitute an offer to holders of the Company s outstanding stock options to exchange those options. Even though stockholder approval has been obtained, the start date of the proposed Option Exchange Program will be determined by a special committee of the Board of Directors of the Company (the Special Committee). Furthermore, the Special Committee will retain the authority, in its discretion, not to commence the Option Exchange Program or to terminate the Option Exchange Program at any time prior to the expiration of the election period under the Option Exchange Program.

The Option Exchange Program has not yet commenced. Exelixis will file a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) upon the commencement of the Option Exchange Program. Persons who are eligible to participate in the Option Exchange Program should read the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO and other related materials when those materials become available, because they will contain important information about the Option Exchange Program.

Exelixis stockholders and option holders will be able to obtain the written materials described above and other documents filed by Exelixis with the SEC free of charge from the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. In addition, stockholders and option holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed by Exelixis with the SEC by directing a written request to: Exelixis, Inc. 249 East Grand Avenue, P.O. Box 511, South San Francisco, California 94083-0511, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

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Item 12. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	E-mail from George Scangos, President and Chief Executive Officer, to Exelixis employees regarding the Option Exchange Program, dated June 5, 2009.
99.2	Communication to Employees, dated June 5, 2009, by George Scangos.