

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Silva Paul M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS</u> <u>INCORPORATED</u> <u>130 WAVERLY STREET</u> (Street) <u>CAMBRIDGE MA</u> <u>02139</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/29/2008</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>V.P. and Corporate Controller</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	2,250 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	1,000 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	500 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock	300	I	401(k)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Option	11/13/2007 ⁽⁴⁾	08/12/2017	Common Stock	7,500	36.27	D	
Stock Option	05/07/2008 ⁽⁵⁾	02/06/2018	Common Stock	7,500	18.93	D	
Stock Option	10/24/2008 ⁽⁶⁾	07/23/2018	Common Stock	3,750	32.16	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Stock grant made under 2006 Stock and Option Plan, 750 shares vesting on 8/13/2009; 750 shares vesting 8/13/2010; and 750 shares vesting on 8/13/2011.
- Stock grant made under 2006 Stock and Option Plan vesting in four equal annual installments from 2/7/2008.
- Stock grant made under 2006 Stock and Option Plan vesting in four equal annual installments from 7/24/2008.
- Right to buy shares of Common Stock under 2006 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 16 equal quarterly installments from 8/13/07.
- Right to buy shares of Common Stock under 2006 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 16 equal quarterly installments from 2/7/08.
- Right to buy shares of Common Stock under 2006 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 16 equal quarterly installments from 7/24/08.

Remarks:

Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-
In-Fact 09/30/2008

** 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 5 (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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