

GILEAD SCIENCES INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Alton Gregg H

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 GILEAD SCIENCES, INC., 333
 LAKESIDE DRIVE
 (Street)

FOSTER CITY, CA 94404

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GILEAD SCIENCES INC [GILD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 09/02/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 SVP, General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 09/02/2008 | | M | | 7,000 | A | \$ 8.9425 69,560 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/02/2008 | | S | | 2,000 | D | \$ 51.6435 67,560 ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/02/2008 | | S | | 5,000 | D | \$ 50.3811 62,560 ⁽³⁾ |

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 8.9425 | 09/02/2008 | | M | 7,000 | ⁽⁴⁾ 01/28/2013 | Common Stock | 7,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Alton Gregg H GILEAD SCIENCES, INC. 333 LAKESIDE DRIVE FOSTER CITY, CA 94404 | | | SVP, General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ Robin L. Washington by Power of Attorney for Gregg H.
Alton 09/03/2008

**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 Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction reflects an additional 7,000 shares acquired by the reporting person on March 6, 2008 and reported on a Form 4 on March 7, 2008, but not included in the ownership balances carried forward on subsequent forms filed through August 5, 2008. All Form 4s filed subsequent to such acquisition are hereby amended to reflect the corrected ownership balance.
- (2) Sale prices reported for the transactions reported here range from \$51.36 to \$52.00. Full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price will be provided to the SEC, the issuer or its shareowners upon request.
- (3) Sale prices reported for the transactions reported here range from \$50.00 to \$50.67. Full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price will be provided to the SEC, the issuer or its shareowners upon request.

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- (4) The options vested 20% on January 29, 2004, the first anniversary date of grant. The balance vested 5% every three months thereafter and was fully vested as of January 29, 2008.

Remarks:

The exercise and sale transactions reported in this Form 4 are made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan established by Mr.

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