SHORTLIFFE LINDA M DAIRIKI

Form 4

December 17, 2010

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SHORTLIFFE LINDA M DAIRIKI			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
4 3	(T)	2011	VIVUS INC [VVUS]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	_X_ Director	10% Owner	
1172 CASTRO STREET			12/15/2010		Other (specify below)	
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/C	Group Filing(Check	
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One R	1 0	
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040				Form filed by More than One Reportin Person		

(City)	(State) (A	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ities Acq	puired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transactio	4. Securi on(A) or D (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	(Instr. 3,	(A) or	5) Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/15/2010		M	8,000	A	\$ 3.96	8,000	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2010		S	8,000	D	\$ 9.31	0	D	

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)

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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 out Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securitie
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.96	12/15/2010		M	8,000	(1)	06/14/2011	Common Stock	8,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
• 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SHORTLIFFE LINDA M DAIRIKI 1172 CASTRO STREET MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040	X					

Signatures

/s/ Julie Hollenback, by power of attorney

12/17/2010

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 is fully vested and immediately exercisable.

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