

VIVUS INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
MARSH GUY P

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1172 CASTRO STREET

(Street)

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VIVUS INC [VVUS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/27/2012

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)
VP, Operations & General Mgr.

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	7,711 ⁽¹⁾	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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.04	01/27/2012		A	8,970	(2) 01/27/2022	Common Stock	8,970
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.04	01/27/2012		A	81,030	(2) 01/27/2022	Common Stock	81,030

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MARSH GUY P 1172 CASTRO STREET MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040			VP, Operations & General Mgr.	

Signatures

/s/ Julie Hollenback, by power of attorney
 Date: 01/31/2012
 **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) Includes 1,541 shares acquired on May 13, 2011 and 1,106 shares acquired on November 14, 2011 under the VIVUS, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of shares become exercisable on 01/27/2013 and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the total number of shares become exercisable on the 27th of each month thereafter.

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