

SHORTLIFFE LINDA M DAIRIKI  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
SHORTLIFFE LINDA M DAIRIKI

(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)  
03/08/2012

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)

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/08/2012		M		8,000	A	\$ 6.52
Common Stock	03/08/2012		S		8,000	D	\$ 21.5
Common Stock	03/08/2012		M		2,000	A	\$ 4.59
Common Stock	03/08/2012		S		2,000	D	\$ 21.5
Common Stock	03/08/2012		M		8,000	A	\$ 5.23
	03/08/2012		S		8,000	D	0

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Common Stock						\$ 21.5		
Common Stock	03/08/2012		M	2,000	A	\$ 4.58	2,000	D
Common Stock	03/08/2012		S	2,000	D	\$ 21.5	0	D
Common Stock	03/08/2012		M	8,000	A	\$ 4	8,000	D
Common Stock	03/08/2012		S	8,000	D	\$ 21.5	0	D
Common Stock	03/08/2012		M	2,000	A	\$ 4.15	2,000	D
Common Stock	03/08/2012		S	2,000	D	\$ 21.5	0	D
Common Stock	03/08/2012		M	8,000	A	\$ 2.99	8,000	D
Common Stock	03/08/2012		S	8,000	D	\$ 21.5	0	D
Common Stock	03/08/2012		M	2,000	A	\$ 3.13	2,000	D
Common Stock	03/08/2012		S	2,000	D	\$ 21.5	0	D
Common Stock	03/08/2012		M	4,000	A	\$ 3.27	4,000	D
Common Stock	03/08/2012		S	4,000	D	\$ 21.5	0	D
Common Stock	03/08/2012		M	8,000	A	\$ 3.9	8,000	D
Common Stock	03/08/2012		S	8,000	D	\$ 21.5	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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security			(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
			Code	V				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.9	03/08/2012	M	8,000	<u>(1)</u>	06/14/2016	Common Stock	8,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.99	03/08/2012	M	8,000	<u>(1)</u>	06/15/2015	Common Stock	8,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.13	03/08/2012	M	2,000	<u>(1)</u>	01/30/2016	Common Stock	2,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.27	03/08/2012	M	4,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/20/2016	Common Stock	4,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4	03/08/2012	M	8,000	<u>(1)</u>	06/14/2014	Common Stock	8,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.15	03/08/2012	M	2,000	<u>(1)</u>	01/24/2015	Common Stock	2,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.58	03/08/2012	M	2,000	<u>(1)</u>	01/26/2014	Common Stock	2,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.59	03/08/2012	M	2,000	<u>(1)</u>	04/14/2013	Common Stock	2,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.23	03/08/2012	M	8,000	<u>(1)</u>	06/13/2013	Common Stock	8,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.52	03/08/2012	M	8,000	<u>(1)</u>	06/05/2012	Common Stock	8,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SHORTLIFFE LINDA M DAIRIKI  
1172 CASTRO STREET  
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040

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## Signatures

/s/ Julie Hollenback, by power of  
attorney

03/12/2012

\_\_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 option is fully vested and immediately exercisable.

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