SHORTLIFFE LINDA M DAIRIKI

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 * SHORTLIFFE LINDA M DAIRIKI			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VIVUS INC [VVUS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
1172 CASTRO STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 08/10/2012	X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
MOUNTAIN	VIEW, CA	94040	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecuri	ties Acq	uired, 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 (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	08/10/2012		Code V	Amount 25,000	(A) or (D)	Price \$ 4.23	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 30,000	D	
Common Stock	08/10/2012		S	25,000	D	\$ 21.5	5,000	D	
Common Stock	08/13/2012		M	20,000	A	\$ 4.25	25,000	D	
Common Stock	08/13/2012		S	20,000	D	\$ 22	5,000	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 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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.23	08/10/2012		M	25,000	<u>(1)</u>	01/23/2019	Common Stock	25,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.25	08/13/2012		M	20,000	<u>(1)</u>	01/29/2017	Common Stock	20,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	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 08/14/2012

**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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