

VIVUS 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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
NORTH TIDE CAPITAL, LLC

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
500 BOYLSTON STREET, SUITE 1860

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/14/2017

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

(Street)  
BOSTON, MA 02116

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/14/2017		S	115,000 D \$ 1.1	12,653,890	I <sup>(1)</sup>	See Footnote <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	02/15/2017		S	40,090 D \$ 1.11	12,613,800	I <sup>(1)</sup>	See Footnote <u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	02/16/2017		S	20,000 D \$ 1.1125	12,593,800	I <sup>(1)</sup>	See Footnote <u>(1)</u> <u>(4)</u>
Common Stock	02/16/2017		S	130,000 D \$ 1.1	12,463,800	I <sup>(1)</sup>	See Footnote

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NORTH TIDE CAPITAL, LLC 500 BOYLSTON STREET SUITE 1860 BOSTON, MA 02116		X		
North Tide Capital Master, LP 500 BOYLSTON STREET SUITE 1860 BOSTON, MA 02116		X		
Laughlin Conan 500 BOYLSTON STREET SUITE 1860 BOSTON, MA 02116	X	X		

## Signatures

/s/ NORTH TIDE CAPITAL, LLC by Conan Laughlin, Manager

02/16/2017

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

02/16/2017

/s/ NORTH TIDE CAPITAL MASTER, LP, by North Tide Capital GP, LLC, Conan Laughlin, Manager

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Conan Laughlin, Individually

02/16/2017

\_\_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).

North Tide Capital, LLC ("North Tide") serves as investment manager for North Tide Capital Master, LP (the "Master Fund") and a managed account (the "Account"). Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares reported herein except to

(1) the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein, and the filing of this Form 4 shall not be construed as an admission that any of the Reporting Persons is the beneficial owner of any such shares for purposes of Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose.

(2) Of the shares sold on February 14, 2017, 106,342 shares were held for the account of the Master Fund, 8,658 shares were held for the Account of the Account, and all of such shares may be deemed to have been beneficially owned by North Tide and Mr. Laughlin.

(3) Of the shares sold on February 15, 2017, 37,072 shares were held for the account of the Master Fund, 3,018 shares were held for the Account of the Account, and all of such shares may be deemed to have been beneficially owned by North Tide and Mr. Laughlin.

(4) Of the shares sold on February 16, 2017 at a price of \$1.1125, 18,494 shares were held for the account of the Master Fund, 1,506 shares were held for the account of the Account, and all of such shares may be deemed to have been beneficially owned by North Tide and Mr. Laughlin.

(5) Of the shares sold on February 16, 2017 at a price of \$1.1, 120,213 shares were held for the account of the Master Fund, 9,787 shares were held for the account of the Account, and all of such shares may be deemed to have been beneficially owned by North Tide and Mr. Laughlin. As of February 16, 2017, 10,901,895 shares were held for the account of the Master Fund, 1,561,905 shares were held for the account of the Account, and all of such shares may be deemed beneficially owned by North Tide and Mr. Laughlin.

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