

MILLIGAN JOHN F
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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 *
 MILLIGAN JOHN F

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 GILEAD SCIENCES, INC., 333
 LAKESIDE DRIVE
 (Street)

FOSTER CITY, CA 94404

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GILEAD SCIENCES INC [GILD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/19/2008

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)
 President and COO

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 Indirect or Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
			Code	V	Amount					
Common Stock	12/19/2008		M		17,020	A	\$ 3.7032	239,301	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2008		M		2,980	A	\$ 5.879	242,281	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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.7032	12/19/2008		M	17,020	⁽¹⁾ 04/05/2010	Common Stock	17,020
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.879	12/19/2008		M	2,980	⁽²⁾ 11/07/2010	Common Stock	2,980

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MILLIGAN JOHN F GILEAD SCIENCES, INC. 333 LAKESIDE DRIVE FOSTER CITY, CA 94404			President and COO	

Signatures

/s/ Gregg Alton by Power of Attorney for John F. Milligan 12/23/2008

__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 options had a five year vesting schedule. 20% of the options vested on April 5, 2001, the first anniversary date of the grant. The balance vested 5% every three months thereafter until fully vested on April 5, 2005.

(2) The options had a five year vesting schedule. 20% of the options vested on November 8, 2001, the first anniversary date of the grant. The balance vested 5% every three months thereafter until fully vested on November 8, 2005.

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