

Alton Gregg H  
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 \*  
Alton Gregg H

(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)

07/27/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EVP, Corp & Med Affairs

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (A) or (D)                                               | Price                                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2012                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 12,371                                                                                        | A                                                        | \$ 19.36                                              |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | 52,161                                                |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2012                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 12,371                                                                                        | D                                                        | \$ 55.0273                                            |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | 39,790                                                |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2012                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 57,629                                                                                        | A                                                        | \$ 21.985                                             |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | 97,419                                                |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2012                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 57,629                                                                                        | D                                                        | \$ 55.0273                                            |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | 39,790                                                |

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 19.36                                               | 07/27/2012                           |                                                    | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 12,371                                                                                  | <sup>(2)</sup> 05/09/2015                                | Common Stock                                                | 12,371                     |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 21.985                                              | 07/27/2012                           |                                                    | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 57,629                                                                                  | <sup>(2)</sup> 07/27/2015                                | Common Stock                                                | 57,629                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                        | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                       | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Alton Gregg H<br>GILEAD SCIENCES, INC.<br>333 LAKESIDE DRIVE<br>FOSTER CITY, CA 94404 |               |           | EVP, Corp & Med Affairs |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Gregg H.  
Alton

07/31/2012

\*\*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 exercise and sale transactions reported in this Form 4 made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan established by Mr. Alton on February 7, 2012.

(2)

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The options have a five year vesting schedule. 20% vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant. The balance will vest 5% quarterly thereafter until fully vested.

- (3) Sale prices reported for the transactions reported here range from \$55.00 to \$55.11. Full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price will be provided to the SEC, the issuer or its shareowners upon request.

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