

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Silva Paul M</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O VERTEX                  PHARMACEUTICALS                  INCORPORATED,Â 130                  WAVERLY STREET</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>CAMBRIDGE,Â MAÂ 02139</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>09/29/2008</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  (give title below) (specify below)                  V.P. and Corporate Controller</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	2,250 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	1,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	500 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	300	I	401(k)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Option	11/13/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	08/12/2017	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 36.27	D	Â
Stock Option	05/07/2008 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/06/2018	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 18.93	D	Â
Stock Option	10/24/2008 <sup>(6)</sup>	07/23/2018	Common Stock	3,750	\$ 32.16	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Silva Paul M C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED 130 WAVERLY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139	Â	Â	Â V.P. and Corporate Controller	Â

## Signatures

Valerie L. Andrews,  
Attorney-In-Fact

09/30/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Stock grant made under 2006 Stock and Option Plan, 750 shares vesting on 8/13/2009; 750 shares vesting 8/13/2010; and 750 shares vesting on 8/13/2011.
  - (2) Stock grant made under 2006 Stock and Option Plan vesting in four equal annual installments from 2/7/2008.
  - (3) Stock grant made under 2006 Stock and Option Plan vesting in four equal annual installments from 7/24/2008.
  - (4) Right to buy shares of Common Stock under 2006 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 16 equal quarterly installments from 8/13/07.
  - (5) Right to buy shares of Common Stock under 2006 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 16 equal quarterly installments from 2/7/08.
  - (6) Right to buy shares of Common Stock under 2006 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 16 equal quarterly installments from 7/24/08.

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