GILEAD SCIENCES INC

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

12/21/2004

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *_ LEE WILLIAM A			2. Issue Symbol	r Name an	d Ticker or Trading	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			GILEA	D SCIEN	NCES INC [GILD]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date o	f Earliest T	ransaction				
			(Month/I	Day/Year)		Director	10%	Owner	
333 LAKESIDE DRIVE			12/21/2	004		_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP Research and PPD			
(Street)			4. If Amo	endment, D	ate Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
		Filed(Mo	nth/Day/Yea	ur)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
FOSTER CITY, CA 94404						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative Securities Acqu	iired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction Da	te 2A. Deen	ned	3.	4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year) Execution	n Date, if	Transactio	omr Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any		Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial	
		(Month/D	Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership	
						Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)	
					(A)	Reported	(I)		
					or	Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)		
					Ŭ.	(Instr 3 and 4)			

Code V Amount

30,000

M

(D)

A

Price

3.2657

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(Instr. 3 and 4)

36,960 (1) (2)

I

80,262

by Trust

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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)	TransactionDerivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) ((D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentove Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.2657	12/21/2004		M	30.	,000	07/16/1998	07/16/2007	Common Stock	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LEE WILLIAM A 333 LAKESIDE DRIVE FOSTER CITY, CA 94404

SVP Research and PPD

Signatures

/s/ William A.

Lee 12/21/2004

**Signature of Person

**Bignature of Person

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) All share and dollar amounts reflect a two-for-one stock split effected on 9/3/04 benefitting all stockholders as of 8/12/04.
- (2) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Table I, Col. 5)reflects transfer of 6,474 shares from shares directly held by Dr. Lee to shares held in trust.
- Options vested over a five year period beginning on 7/16/98, the first anniversary date of the grant. The options were fully vested as of 7/16/2002.

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