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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|                                           |                                      |                                                            |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol                |
| Â GENENTECH INC                           | (Month/Day/Year)                     | ALTEON INC /DE [ALT]                                       |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                   | 07/21/2006                           |                                                            |
| 1 DNA WAY                                 |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer           |
| (Street)                                  |                                      | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)       |
|                                           | (Check all applicable)               |                                                            |
|                                           | ____ Director ____X__ 10% Owner      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
|                                           | ____ Officer ____ Other              | __X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person                   |
|                                           | (give title below) (specify below)   | ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person          |
| SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO,Â CAÂ 94080           |                                      |                                                            |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                      |                                      |                                                            |

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

|                                    |                                                          |                                                                   |                                                          |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
| Common Stock                       | 798,314                                                  | D                                                                 | Â                                                        |

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)

|                                               |                                                             |                                                                                |                                                        |                                                                        |                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|                                               | Date Exercisable                                            | Expiration Date                                                                | Title                                                  | Amount or Number of                                                    |                                                          |

Shares (I)  
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships            |                                     |                          |                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                             | Director                 | 10% Owner                           | Officer                  | Other                    |
| GENENTECH INC<br>1 DNA WAY<br>SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Signatures

/s/ Stephen G. Juelsgaard, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer07/25/2006

\*\*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).

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