Alton Gregg H
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Alton Gregg H	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol GILEAD SCIENCES INC [GILD]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/25/2006	(Check all applicable) _____ Director _____ 10% Owner __X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below) SVP, General Counsel
GILEAD SCIENCES, INC., 333 LAKESIDE DRIVE		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
FOSTER CITY, CA 94404		
(City) (State) (Zip)		

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			

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)			Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sh:
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 58.01	01/25/2006	A		75,000		(1)	01/25/2016	Common Stock	75,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Alton Gregg H GILEAD SCIENCES, INC. 333 LAKESIDE DRIVE FOSTER CITY, CA 94404			SVP, General Counsel	

Signatures

/s/Matthew K. Au as Power of Attorney for Gregg H. Alton	01/27/2006
**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 have a five year vesting schedule. 20% of the options will vest on January 25, 2007, the first anniversary date of the grant. The balance will vest 5% every three months thereafter until fully vested on January 25, 2011.

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