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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Amos John P.</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O VIVUS, INC.</u> <u>900 E. HAMILTON AVE., SUITE 550</u>  (Street) <u>CAMPBELL CA 95008</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>VIVUS INC [ VVUS ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/18/2018</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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	05/18/2018		P		270,000	A	\$0.7707 <sup>(1)</sup>	1,710,000	D	
Common Stock	05/18/2018		S <sup>(2)</sup>		1,500	D	\$0.7708	1,708,500	D	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- This is the weighted average purchase price. Shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices from \$0.7581 to \$0.7784. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote (1) to this Form 4.
- The reporting person's sale of VIVUS common stock reported herein was matchable under Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to the extent of 1,500 shares, with the reporting person's purchase of 555 shares of VIVUS common stock at a price of \$0.4841 per share on May 11, 2018, 100 shares of VIVUS common stock at a price of \$0.4991 per share on May 11, 2018 and 845 shares of VIVUS common stock at a price of \$0.4997 per share on May 11, 2018. The reporting person has paid to VIVUS \$415.37, representing the full amount of the profit realized in connection with the short-swing transaction, less transaction costs.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Julie Hollenback, Attorney-in-Fact 05/22/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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).

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