## SEC Form 4

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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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> <u>MARSH GUY P</u>			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>VIVUS INC</u> [ VVUS ]		tionship of Reporting Perso all applicable) Director	n(s) to Issuer 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1172 CASTRO STREET		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/18/2012	x	Officer (give title below) VP, Operations and G	Other (specify below) eneral Mgr
(Street) MOUNTAIN VIEW	СА	94040	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing ( Form filed by One Report Form filed by More than ( Person	ting Person
(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. Transa Code ( 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	07/18/2012		М		9,108	A	\$6.05	11,182	D		
Common Stock	07/18/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>		9,108	D	\$30.36	2,074	D		
Common Stock	07/18/2012		М		3,444	A	\$4.23	5,518	D		
Common Stock	07/18/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>		3,444	D	\$30.36	2,074	D		
Common Stock	07/18/2012		М		23,639	A	\$4.23	25,713	D		
Common Stock	07/18/2012		<b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		23,639	D	\$30.36	2,074	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. Transa Code ( 8)		of Deri Seci Acq (A) o Disp of (E	umber vative urities uired or oosed 0) (Instr. and 5)	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/)	ate	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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$4.23	07/18/2012		М			3,444	(2)	01/23/2019	Common Stock	3,444	\$0.00	19,301	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$4.23	07/18/2012		М			23,639	(2)	01/23/2019	Common Stock	23,639	\$0.00	3,617	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$6.05	07/18/2012		М			9,108	(3)	01/25/2018	Common Stock	9,108	\$0.00	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on March 15, 2012.

2. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of shares became exercisable on 1/23/2010 and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the total number of shares become exercisable at the end of each full month thereafter until the option is fully vested on 1/23/2013.

3. This option is fully vested and immediately exercisable.

<u>/s/ Julie Hollenback, by power</u> of attorney

07/20/2012

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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