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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Oehrlein M. Scott</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O VIVUS, INC.</u> <u>900 E. HAMILTON AVE., SUITE 550</u> (Street) <u>CAMPBELL</u> <u>CA</u> <u>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) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Operations Officer</u> |
| 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/30/2018</u> | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| 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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$0.37 | 04/30/2018 | | A | | 620,000 | | (1) | (2) | Common Stock | 620,000 | \$0 | 620,000 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$0.37 | 04/30/2018 | | A | | 200,000 | | (3) | (4) | Common Stock | 200,000 | \$0 | 200,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Awarded as an inducement grant of stock options pursuant to reporting person's offer letter dated April 30, 2018. One fourth (1/4th) of the total number of shares underlying the option vest on April 30, 2019, and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the total number of shares underlying the option vest on a monthly basis thereafter, subject to the reporting person continuing to be a Service Provider (as defined in the Issuer's 2018 Inducement Equity Incentive Plan) on the relevant vesting dates.
2. The option expires on the earlier of (a) April 30, 2025 and (b) the twelve (12) month anniversary of the date the reporting person ceases to be a Service Provider (as defined in the Issuer's 2018 Inducement Equity Incentive Plan).
3. The total number of shares underlying the option will vest subject to satisfaction of a performance target involving the Issuer's market capitalization on or prior to April 30, 2021 and the reporting person continuing to be a Service Provider (as defined in the Issuer's 2010 Equity Incentive Plan) upon satisfaction of such target.
4. The option expires on the earlier of (a) April 30, 2025 and (b) the twelve (12) month anniversary of the date the reporting person ceases to be a Service Provider (as defined in the Issuer's 2010 Equity Incentive Plan).

Remarks:

/s/ Julie Hollenback, Attorney-in-Fact 05/02/2018

** 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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