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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Fischer Seth H. Z.</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> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/27/2017</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	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> 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
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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 ⁽¹⁾	01/27/2017		A		150,000 ⁽²⁾	A	\$0	636,080	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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$1.12	01/27/2017		A		1,000,000		(3)	01/27/2024	Common Stock	1,000,000	\$0	1,000,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of VIVUS, Inc. common stock.
2. The restricted stock units vest according to the following schedule: twenty-five percent (25%) of the total restricted stock units vest on January 27, 2018 with an additional six and one quarter percent (6.25%) of the total restricted stock units vesting quarterly thereafter (i.e., April 27th, July 27th, October 27th, and January 27th) until all of the restricted stock units are vested, subject to such individual continuing to be a Service Provider (as defined in the Issuer's 2010 Equity Incentive Plan) on the relevant vesting dates.
3. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of shares underlying the option will vest and become exercisable on January 27, 2018, and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the total number of shares underlying the option will vest on the 27th of each month thereafter, subject to the reporting person continuing to be a Service Provider (as defined in the Issuer's 2010 Equity Incentive Plan) on the relevant vesting dates.

Remarks:

/s/ Julie Hollenback, Attorney-in-Fact 01/31/2017

** 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).

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