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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>PLACE VIRGIL A</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O VIVUS, INC.</u> <u>1172 CASTRO STREET</u>  (Street) <u>MOUNTAIN</u> <u>CA</u> <u>94040</u> <u>VIEW</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>VIVUS INC</u> [ <u>VVUS</u> ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/19/2008</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 Scientific 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	08/19/2008		M		40,000	A	\$2.6875	40,002	D	
Common Stock								399,999	I	See footnote <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock								75,728	I	See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock								22,800	I	See footnote <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								4,300	I	See footnote <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock								5,020	I	See footnote <sup>(5)</sup>

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				
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$2.6875	08/19/2008		M			40,000	(6)	12/09/2008	Common Stock	40,000	\$0.00	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares held directly by the Virgil A. Place Trust dated February 19, 1993 for which the Reporting Person serves as trustee.

2. Shares held directly by the Reporting Person's spouse.

3. Shares held directly by the Reporting Person as custodian for son.

4. Shares held directly by the Reporting Person's son.

5. Shares held directly by the Virgil A. Place Arboretum & Botanical Garden, Inc.

6. The option is 100% vested.

/s/ Kate Higgins, by power of attorney

08/21/2008

\*\* 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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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

The undersigned, as a Section 16 reporting person of VIVUS, Inc. (the "Company"), hereby constitutes and appoints John L. Slebir, Timothy Morris and Kate Higgins, and each of them, the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact to:

1. complete and execute Forms 3, 4 and 5 and other forms and all amendments thereto as such attorneys-in-fact shall in his or her discretion determine to be required or advisable pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended) and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, or any successor laws and regulations, as a consequence of the undersigned's ownership, acquisition or disposition of securities of the Company; and
2. do all acts necessary in order to file such forms with the Securities and Exchange Commission, any securities exchange or national association, the Company and such other person or agency as the attorneys-in-fact shall deem appropriate.

The undersigned hereby ratifies and confirms all that said attorneys-in-fact and agent shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended).

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the Company and the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 18th day of August, 2006.

Signature: /s/ Virgil A. Place

Print Name: Virgil A. Place

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