

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Forrest Lori</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>745 AIRPORT ROAD</u> (Street) <u>LAKEWOOD NJ</u> <u>08701</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/03/2004</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>VIVUS INC [vvus]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <u>X</u> Other (specify below) <u>Corporate Controller</u>	
		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <u>X</u> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>3,599</u>	<u>D</u>	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)							
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(I)</u>	<u>10/16/2010</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>334</u>	<u>3.375</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(I)</u>	<u>01/22/2011</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>3,251</u>	<u>3.875</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(I)</u>	<u>01/20/2013</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>4,875</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(I)</u>	<u>01/26/2014</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>4.58</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(I)</u>	<u>10/18/2014</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>4.77</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(I)</u>	<u>01/19/2010</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>1,167</u>	<u>4.8438</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(I)</u>	<u>01/21/2012</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>4,875</u>	<u>8.08</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. There is no exercisable date. This is an option grant.

Lori E. Forrest
** Signature of Reporting Person

11/05/2004
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 5 (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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