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Form 5 obligations STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Morris Arlene		ing Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AFFYMAX INC [AFFY]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
C/O AFFYMAX, INC., 4001 MIRANDA AVE.		001	(Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2010	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
PALO ALTO	, CA 94304		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onor Dispos (Instr. 3,	sed of	` ′	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)
Common Stock	05/17/2010		M(1)	1,066	A	\$ 4.36	1,066	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2010		S <u>(1)</u>	966	D	\$ 25	100	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2010		S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 25.01	0	D	
Common Stock	05/18/2010		M(1)	2,229	A	\$ 4.36	2,229	D	
Common Stock	05/18/2010		M(1)	26,666	A	\$ 10.99	28,895	D	

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Common Stock	05/18/2010	M(1)	22,935	A	\$ 4.36	51,830	D
Common Stock	05/18/2010	S <u>(1)</u>	51,830	D	\$ 25.0637	0	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.36	05/17/2010		M	1,066	<u>(2)</u>	02/09/2016	Common Stock	1,066	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.36	05/18/2010		M	2,229	<u>(2)</u>	02/09/2016	Common Stock	2,229	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.99	05/18/2010		M	26,666	<u>(4)</u>	01/14/2019	Common Stock	26,666	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.36	05/18/2010		M	22,935	<u>(2)</u>	02/09/2016	Common Stock	22,935	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

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Morris Arlene C/O AFFYMAX, INC. 4001 MIRANDA AVE. PALO ALTO, CA 94304

CEO

Signatures

/s/ Grace Shin, Attorney-in-Fact 05/18/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This transaction was pursuant to a 10b5-1 Plan.
- (2) The shares subject to the option are exercisable upon grant. The shares vest monthly over 4 years.
- (3) The shares were sold at prices between \$25.00 and \$25.22. The reporting person will provide upon request to the SEC, teh issuer or security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (4) The shares vest and become exercisable in a series of forty-eight (48) successive equal monthly installments over the four (4) year period measured from January 1, 2009.

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