

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Shaaltiel Yoseph</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O PROTALIX BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC.</u> <u>2 SNUNIT ST, SCIENCE PARK, POB 455</u> (Street) <u>CARMIEL L3 20100</u> (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Protalix BioTherapeutics, Inc. [PLX]</u>		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>Executive VP, R&D</u>	
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/16/2012</u>			
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		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	

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	07/16/2012		A		210,000	A	\$0	210,000 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Trust ⁽²⁾
Common Stock								463,754	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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
						(A) (D)			Title Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents restricted shares of common stock of Protalix BioTherapeutics, Inc., issued under its 2006 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended June 17, 2012 (the "Plan"). The restricted shares vest in 16 equal quarterly increments over a four-year period, commencing on the date of grant. In addition to the vesting period, vested restricted shares will be subject to a lock-up for a 24-month period. Notwithstanding the foregoing and subject to certain exceptions, the vesting period will accelerate immediately upon a Change in Control, as defined in the Plan, and the lock-up period will terminate.

2. To qualify for certain tax benefits under Section 102 of the Israeli Tax Ordinance, securities issued to an employee in connection with the Plan must be registered in the name of a trustee.

/s/ Yossi Maimon, POA 07/18/2012

** 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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