

VIVUS INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
NORTH TIDE CAPITAL, LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VIVUS INC [VVUS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
500 BOYLSTON STREET, SUITE 1860

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/08/2017

___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner
___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

(Street)
BOSTON, MA 02116

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/08/2017		S	350,000 D \$ 1.0524	11,266,100	I ⁽¹⁾	See Footnote <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	03/09/2017		S	50,000 D \$ 1.25	11,216,100	I ⁽¹⁾	See Footnote <u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	03/09/2017		S	435,300 D \$ 1.2066	10,780,800	I ⁽¹⁾	See Footnote <u>(1)</u> <u>(4)</u>
Common Stock	03/09/2017		S	237,100 D \$ 1.2042	10,543,700	I ⁽¹⁾	See Footnote

Common Stock	03/10/2017	S	77,000	D	\$ 1.172	10,466,700	I ⁽¹⁾	(5) (1) See Footnote (1) (6)
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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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NORTH TIDE CAPITAL, LLC 500 BOYLSTON STREET SUITE 1860 BOSTON, MA 02116		X		
North Tide Capital Master, LP 500 BOYLSTON STREET SUITE 1860 BOSTON, MA 02116		X		
Laughlin Conan 500 BOYLSTON STREET SUITE 1860 BOSTON, MA 02116	X	X		

Signatures

/s/ NORTH TIDE CAPITAL, LLC by Conan Laughlin, Manager	03/10/2017
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ NORTH TIDE CAPITAL MASTER, LP, by North Tide Capital GP, LLC, Conan Laughlin, Manager	03/10/2017
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Conan Laughlin, Individually	03/10/2017
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

North Tide Capital, LLC ("North Tide") serves as investment manager for North Tide Capital Master, LP (the "Master Fund") and a managed account (the "Account"). Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares reported herein except to

(1) the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein, and the filing of this Form 4 shall not be construed as an admission that any of the Reporting Persons is the beneficial owner of any such shares for purposes of Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose.

(2) Of the shares sold on March 8, 2017, 323,651 shares were held for the account of the Master Fund, 26,349 shares were held for the account of the Account, and all of such shares may be deemed to have been beneficially owned by North Tide and Mr. Laughlin.

(3) Of the shares sold on March 9, 2017 at a price of \$1.2500, 46,236 shares were held for the account of the Master Fund, 3,764 shares were held for the account of the Account, and all of such shares may be deemed to have been beneficially owned by North Tide and Mr. Laughlin.

(4) Of the shares sold on March 9, 2017 at a price of \$1.2066, 402,529 shares were held for the account of the Master Fund, 32,771 shares were held for the account of the Account, and all of such shares may be deemed to have been beneficially owned by North Tide and Mr. Laughlin.

(5) Of the shares sold on March 9, 2017 at a price of \$1.2042, 219,250 shares were held for the account of the Master Fund, 17,850 shares were held for the account of the Account, and all of such shares may be deemed to have been beneficially owned by North Tide and Mr. Laughlin.

(6) Of the shares sold on March 10, 2017, 71,203 shares were held for the account of the Master Fund, 5,797 shares were held for the account of the Account, and all of such shares may be deemed to have been beneficially owned by North Tide and Mr. Laughlin. As of March 10, 2017, 9,055,144 shares were held for the account of the Master Fund 1,411,556 shares were held for the account of the Account, and all of such shares may be deemed beneficially owned by North Tide and Mr. Laughlin.

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