FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Edick Paul R						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEWLINK GENETICS CORP [(NLNK)]								Relationship eck all applic X Directo	cable)	g Pers	on(s) to Issu 10% Ow		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NEWLINK GENETICS CORPORATION						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2013								Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify	
2503 SOUTH LOOP DR., SUITE 5100						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street) AMES IA 500		50010			Fol								X Form f	m filed by One Reporting Person m filed by More than One Reporting son					
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)																
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transar Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date			, Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)			ities Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 aı		Beneficia Owned F	es ally Following	Form:	: Direct Indirect Istr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code V	Amo	ount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3	ion(s)			Instr. 4)	
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. Deemee Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transa Code (8)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		nd	7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	is Silly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expirat Date	tion	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$14.71	05/09/2013			A		12,000		(1)	05/08/2	2023	Common Stock	12,000	\$0	12,000	0	D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Automatic grant to the Reporting Person of a nonstatutory stock option under the Issuer's 2010 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Award Plan (the "Plan"). One hundred percent (100%) of the shares shall vest on the earlier of (i) the first anniversary of the date of grant and (ii) the date of the first Annual Meeting following the date of grant, in each case subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service as of such date. The option expires ten years after the date of grant.

Remarks:

/s/ Gordon Link, by power of <u>attorney</u>

05/10/2013

** 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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