FORM 4

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Agwunobi John O | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol bluebird bio, Inc. [BLUE] | | | | | | | | Relationship heck all appl X Direct | licable) tor | | Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner | | |
|---|--|------------|---|----------------------------|--|---|------|---|--|------------------|--|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| l | JEBIRD B | IO, INC. | (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/06/2019 | | | | | | | | | Officer (give title below) | | Other (s below) | specify | |
| 60 BINNEY STREET | | | | 4. | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | |
| (Street) | LIDGE M | IA | 02142 | | | | | | | | | | | filed by Mo | | orting Person n One Repo | | |
| (City) | (S | tate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | | | Transaction te onth/Day/Y | Execution Day/Year) if any | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Securities Transaction Code (Instr. 5) | | | | Benefic | es ially Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) o (D) | r Price | Transac | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (11311. 4) | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 06/06/ | | | | 06/06/201 | /2019 | | A | | 1,00 |) A | \$0.0 | 0 4, | 4,700 | | 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 | | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code | Transaction Code (Instr. | | of E | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | e Ow s Foi lly Dir or (I) (| 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | | Date Exercisable | | xpiration ate | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| Stock Option (right to | \$122.01 | 06/06/2019 | | A | | 4,000 | | (2) | 0 | 6/06/2029 | Common Stock | 4,000 | \$0.00 | 4,000 | | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. These restricted stock units for common stock vest 100% on the earlier of June 6, 2020 or the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders.
- 2. This option vests 100% on the earlier of June 6, 2020 or the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders.

Remarks:

/s/ Jason F. Cole, Attorney-in-

Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

06/10/2019

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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