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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Fint of Type Responses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] BOWES WILLIAM K JR	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol XOMA LTD /DE/ [XOMA]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
C/O XOMA LTD., 2910 SEVENTH	OTDEET	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/21/2009					Officer (give title below)Ot	her (specify belo	ow)		
(Street) BERKELEY, CA 94710		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
Title of Security 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye		Execution Date, if	(Instr. 8)	ion V	4. Securit (A) or Di (Instr. 3, Amount	4 and 5) (A) or		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		Beneficial Ownership	
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

	(<i>e.g.</i> , 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)	Code	tion)	5. Numbo of Deriva Securitie Acquired or Dispos of (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	ative s l (A) sed	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Beneficial
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Non- Qualified Share Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.76	05/21/2009		А		35,000		Ω	05/21/2019	Common Shares	35,000	\$ 0.76	35,000	D	

Reporting Owners

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BOWES WILLIAM K JR C/O XOMA LTD. 2910 SEVENTH STREET BERKELEY, CA 94710	Х						

Signatures

By: Christopher J. Margolin For: William K. Bowes Jr.	05/21/2009
**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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(1) Exercisable with respect to 1/12th of options in monthly increments beginning 6/21/2009 and ending 5/21/2010.

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