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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	S IN BENEFI	CIAL OWNE	RSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SANDELL SCOTT D						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TARGACEPT INC [TRGT]									all app			X 10% C	owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1119 ST. PAUL STREET					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/12/2006										Officer (give title below)		Other below		(specify	
(Street) BALTIM (City)			21202 Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								. Individine) X	,					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D					Execution		n Date,	Code (Insti						4 and Secur Benef		rities F ficially (I ed Following (I		ownership m: Direct or Indirect Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount	(1	A) or O)	Price	Transa		ction(s) 3 and 4)			(111341.4)
Common Stock 04/1					/2006				P		350,00	00 A		\$	9	350,000			I	See Note 1 ⁽¹⁾
	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)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			saction of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Date Date		e ar)	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amour or Numbe of Title Shares		ount nber			9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	,	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The Reporting Person is a general partner of NEA Partners 10, Limited Partnership, which is the sole general partner of New Enterprise Associates 10, Limited Partnership ("NEA 10"), the beneficial owner of the securities. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, of such portion of the shares in which the Reporting Person has no actual pecuniary interest therein.

Remarks:

In addition to the shares reported herein, the Reporting Person indirectly owns Series C Preferred Stock convertible into 2,913,512 common shares which are beneficially owned by New Enterprise Associates 10, Limited Partnership ("NEA 10"). The Reporting Person is a general partner of NEA Partners 10, Limited Partnership, which is the sole general partner of NEA 10. These holdings have been previously reported. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership, within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, of such portion of these shares in which the Reporting Person has no actual pecuniary interest therein. In addition to the shares reported herein, NEA Ventures 2002, L.P. owns Series C Preferred shares convertible into 3,154 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. The Reporting Person does not have voting nor dispositive powers over such shares. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership, within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, of such portion of those shares in which the Reporting Person has no actual pecuniary interest therein.

/s/ Louis S. Citron, attorney-infact 04/14/2006

** 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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