

GILEAD SCIENCES INC  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A**

(Rule 14a-101)

**Schedule 14A Information**

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**GILEAD SCIENCES, INC.**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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Gilead Sciences, Inc.

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting  
to Be Held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010**

*The Proxy Statement, Annual Report and other proxy materials are available at:*

*<http://www.proxyvoting.com/gild>*

*This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet.*

*We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.*

*If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before April 26, 2010 to facilitate timely delivery.*

**GILEAD SCIENCES, INC.**

**TO REQUEST PAPER COPIES OF PROXY MATERIALS:**

*(please reference your 11-digit control number when requesting materials)*

By opting out to receive printed materials, your preference for future proxy mailings will be kept on our file.

Telephone: **1-888-313-0164**

*(outside of the U.S. and Canada call 201-680-6688).*

Email: **shrrelations@bnymellon.com**

*(you must reference your 11-digit control number in your email)*

Internet: **<http://www.proxyvoting.com/gild>**

**TO VOTE YOUR SHARES SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE**

This is not a proxy card. You cannot use this notice to vote your shares.

Dear Gilead Sciences, Inc. Stockholder:

The 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Gilead Sciences, Inc. (the Company) will be held at the Westin San Francisco Airport, 1 Old Bayshore Highway, Millbrae, California 94030, on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. (local time).

Proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting:

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- (1) To elect thirteen directors to serve for the next year and until their successors are elected and qualified.
- (2) To ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors as the independent registered accounting firm of Gilead for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010.
- (3) If properly presented at the meeting, to vote on a stockholder proposal requesting that the Board take steps to adopt majority voting standards in Gilead's certificate of incorporation and by-laws.
- (4) To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Items 1 and 2.**

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote AGAINST Item 3.**

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 15, 2010 as the record date (the Record Date) for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

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**VOTE YOUR PROXY ELECTRONICALLY.**

Stockholders of record as of the Record Date are encouraged and cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting. Directions to attend the annual meeting where you may vote in person can be found on our website, <http://www.gilead.com/proxy>.

**Meeting Location:**

Westin San Francisco Airport

1 Old Bayshore Highway

Millbrae, CA 94030

**The following materials are available for you to review online:**

the Company's Notice and 2010 Proxy Statement;

the Company's 2009 Annual Report;

the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 (which is not deemed to be part of the official proxy soliciting materials); and

any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to stockholders.

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**HOW TO VOTE BY INTERNET**

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Use the Internet to vote your shares. On the landing page of the above website in the box labeled "To Vote Your Shares by Internet" click on **Vote Now** to access the electronic proxy card and vote your shares.

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