FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addres <u>Moriarty John</u>	<u>n B</u>		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC</u> [ALXN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)
(Last) C/O ALEXION	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/27/2017	EVP & General Counsel
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			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transa Code (4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	Day/Year) 8) Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price		Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(l) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	02/27/2017		S		612(1)	D	\$131.2 ⁽²⁾	45,864	D		
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	02/28/2017		S		910 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$131.71 ⁽²⁾	44,954	D		
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	03/01/2017		S		282(1)	D	\$132.5 ⁽³⁾	44,672	D		
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	02/28/2017		Α		6,5 00 ⁽⁴⁾	A	\$0	51,172	D		

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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)	4. Transa Code (8)		Derivative		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/\	ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$131.25	02/28/2017		A		12,800 ⁽⁵⁾		02/28/2018	02/28/2027	Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	12,800	\$0	12,800	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. This sale was made to cover withholding taxes immediately following the vesting of previously granted Restricted Stock Units.

2. This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$131.00 - \$131.99. The price reported in this column reflects the weighted average sales price. Upon request, the reporting person will provide to the SEC staff full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price.

3. This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$132.00 - \$132.99. The price reported in this column reflects the weighted average sales price. Upon request, the reporting person will provide to the SEC staff full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price.

4. Award of Restricted Stock Units under the 2004 Incentive Plan. 25% vests on each anniversary of the grant date.

5. Stock option award under 2004 Incentive Plan. 25% vest on the first anniversary of the grant date, 1/16 every three months thereafter until fully vested over 4 years.

Remarks:

/s/ Michael Greco, Attorney-in-03/01/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Fact for John B. Moriarty

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).

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