

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BELL LEONARD <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC 352 KNOTTER DRIVE <hr/> (Street) CHESHIRE CT 06410 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ALXN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: right;">CEO</p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/27/2012	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	07/27/2012		M		27,000 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$4.42	1,908,912	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	07/27/2012		M		35,000	A	\$5.82	1,943,912	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	07/27/2012		S		24,768 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$105.85 ⁽²⁾	1,919,144	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	07/27/2012		S		2,232	D	\$106.46 ⁽³⁾	1,916,912	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	07/27/2012		S		18,394	D	\$108.4 ⁽⁴⁾	1,898,518	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	07/27/2012		S		16,606	D	\$109.47 ⁽⁵⁾	1,881,912	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	07/27/2011		S		2,272 ⁽⁶⁾	D	\$106.14	1,879,640	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	07/27/2012		G		204,088 ⁽⁷⁾	D	\$0	1,675,552	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	07/31/2012		S		2,470 ⁽⁶⁾	D	\$104.96 ⁽⁸⁾	1,673,082	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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	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					
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$4.42	07/27/2012		M			27,000	12/23/2003	09/23/2013	Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	\$0	0	D	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$5.82	07/27/2012		M			35,000	05/24/2004	02/24/2014	Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	\$0	27,332	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The transactions reported by this Form 4 are made pursuant to the terms of a sales plan designed to meet the requirements of Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$105.27 - \$106.27. 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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$106.27 - \$107.27. The price reporting 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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$108.00 - \$108.99. 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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$109.01 - \$109.99. 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.
- These sales were made to cover the withholding taxes immediately following the vesting of previously granted Restricted Stock.
- The shares represent the remainder and final distribution on July 27, 2012 from two grantor retained annuity trusts established in 2010 to a family trust. Upon such distribution, such shares were no longer beneficially owned by the reporting person.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$104.93 - \$104.96. 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.

/s/ Leonard Bell

07/31/2012

** 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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