FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Moriarty John B				<u> </u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC ALXN								(Chec	ationship o k all applica Director Officer (	on(s) to Issu 10% Ow Other (s	wner			
(Last) (First) (Middle) ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS 352 KNOTTER DRIVE				1	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/10/2012									SVP & General Counsel					
(Street) CHESHIRE CT 06410			4	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Indi Line) X	<b>,</b>							
(City) (State) (Zip)																			
		Ta	ble I - Non-	Derivat	ve Se	ecurities	Acc	quired,	Dis	posed of	f, or Be	enefici	ally	Owned					
Date				2. Transacti Date Month/Day	Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			red (A) o str. 3, 4 a	or 5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F		s For ally (D) ollowing (I) (		rm: Direct ) or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
								Code	v	Amount (A) or (D)		or Pri	се	Transacti	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share 12/10				12/10/20	)12			M		15,000	00 <sup>(1)</sup> A		\$ <mark>0</mark>	15,	15,000		D		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion Date Execut or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		3A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Ye	Date, Transaction Code (Instr.		Derivative		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	i is illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	ble	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	ber		Transactio (Instr. 4)	ion(s)			
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$92.65	12/10/2012		М		75,000 <sup>(2)</sup>		12/10/20	)13	12/10/2022	Commo Stock, par valu \$.0001	e 75,0	000	\$0	75,000	0	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 50% on 2 year anniversary, 1/8th every 6 months thereafter.
- $2.\ 25\%$  vesting on December 10, 2013, 1/12th every 3 months thereafter.

/s/ John B. Moriarty 12/18/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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