UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report	(Date of earliest event reported): Octob	er 23, 2014
	ON PHARMACEUTICALS	, INC.
	name of registrant as specified in its cha	 rter)
Delaware 	000-27756	13-3648318
State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
352 K	notter Drive, Cheshire, Connecticut 064	10
(Addres	ss of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip C	ode)
Registrant's tel	ephone number, including area code: (20	03) 272-2596
the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K solution llowing provisions (see General Instruction		the filing obligation of the registrant under any
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 23, 2014, Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. issued a press release relating to its results of operations and financial conditions for the quarter ended September 30, 2014. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

The attached press release contains both U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, or GAAP, and non-GAAP financial measures. The non-GAAP financial measures exclude the impact of share-based compensation expense, acquisition-related costs, amortization of purchased intangible assets, intellectual property settlements, upfront and milestone payments related to license and collaboration agreements, intangible asset impairments and non-cash taxes. Reconciliations between non-GAAP and GAAP financial measures are included in the press release set forth as Exhibit 99.1 furnished to this Form 8-K. Alexion's management utilizes non-GAAP financial information to provide a useful measure of comparative operating performance of Alexion. The non-GAAP financial measures are supplemental to and not a substitute for, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release issued by Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. on October 23, 2014 relating to its results of operations and financial conditions for the quarter ended September 30, 2014.

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 23, 2014 ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Michael V. Greco</u> Name: Michael V. Greco

Title: Vice President of Law and Corporate Secretary



Alexion Reports Third Quarter 2014 Results

- Soliris® (eculizumab) Net Product Sales Increased 39 Percent to \$555.1 Million -
 - Steady Soliris PNH Growth Worldwide, aHUS Global Launch Progresses -
- Juvenile-Onset HPP Natural History Study Completed, Asfotase Alfa Rolling BLA Submission to Complete in Fourth Quarter -
 - NDA for Asfotase Alfa in Japan Submitted -
 - Clinical Development of the First Two Next-Generation Soliris Programs Initiated -
 - 2014 Guidance Increased for Revenue and Non-GAAP EPS -

Third Quarter 2014 Financial Highlights:

- Q3 2014 net product sales increased 39 percent to \$555.1 million, compared to \$400.4 million in Q3 2013.
- Q3 2014 GAAP EPS increased 87 percent to \$0.88 per share, compared to Q3 2013 GAAP EPS of \$0.47 per share; Q3 2013 GAAP EPS included an expense of \$0.10 per share related to both a license agreement and a litigation settlement.
- Q3 2014 non-GAAP EPS increased 53 percent to \$1.27 per share, compared to Q3 2013 non-GAAP EPS of \$0.83 per share.

CHESHIRE, Conn., October 23, 2014—Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: ALXN) today announced financial results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014. The Company reported net product sales of Soliris® (eculizumab) of \$555.1 million in the third quarter of 2014, an increase of 39 percent from the same period in 2013. Revenue performance for the quarter reflected steady additions of new patients with paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) and atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome (aHUS) commencing Soliris treatment.

Alexion is serving patients with PNH and aHUS in nearly 50 countries. Both PNH and aHUS are severe and life-threatening ultrarare disorders caused by chronic uncontrolled complement activation.

"In the third quarter of 2014, we served an increasing number of new patients with PNH and aHUS worldwide while simultaneously reaching several significant milestones across our pipeline, including the filing of our NDA for asfotase alfa in Japan and the completion of the juvenile-onset HPP natural history study which enables us to complete our rolling BLA

submission in the U.S.," said Leonard Bell, M.D., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Alexion. "Our third quarter performance underscores the significant opportunity we have to serve more patients with PNH and aHUS globally. While we remain focused on our initiatives to reach more patients in our current operations, we are also preparing for the global launch of asfotase alfa in 2015 and advancing our lead development programs as we drive toward as many as seven additional launches through 2018."

Third Quarter 2014 Financial Results:

Alexion's non-GAAP operating results are GAAP operating results adjusted for the impact of certain items described in the accompanying tables. A full reconciliation of GAAP results to non-GAAP results is included later in this press release.

Third Quarter 2014 Non-GAAP Financial Results:

The Company reported non-GAAP net income of \$258.3 million, or \$1.27 per share, in the third quarter of 2014, compared to non-GAAP net income of \$167.9 million, or \$0.83 per share, in the third quarter of 2013.

Alexion's non-GAAP operating expenses for Q3 2014 were \$231.0 million, compared to \$178.8 million for Q3 2013. Non-GAAP research and development (R&D) expenses for Q3 2014 were \$92.7 million, compared to \$68.9 million for Q3 2013. Non-GAAP selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses for Q3 2014 were \$138.3 million, compared to \$109.9 million for Q3 2013.

Third Quarter 2014 GAAP Financial Results:

Alexion reported GAAP net income of \$177.7 million, or \$0.88 per share, in the third quarter of 2014, compared to GAAP net income of \$93.8 million, or \$0.47 per share, in the third quarter of 2013. Q3 2013 GAAP results included a decrease of \$20.7 million, or \$0.10 per share, related to expenses from both a license agreement and a litigation settlement.

On a GAAP basis, operating expenses for Q3 2014 were \$266.6 million, compared to \$213.8 million for Q3 2013. GAAP R&D expenses for Q3 2014 were \$100.7 million, compared to \$88.2 million for Q3 2013. GAAP SG&A expenses were \$157.7 million for Q3 2014, compared to \$122.9 million for Q3 2013.

Balance Sheet:

As of September 30, 2014, the Company had \$1.78 billion in cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities compared to \$1.59 billion at June 30, 2014. During the quarter, the Company repurchased \$104.6 million of stock under its share repurchase program.

Research and Development Progress:

Alexion has development programs underway with highly innovative therapeutic candidates that have the potential to become first-in-class therapies for patients with severe and ultra-rare disorders.

Asfotase Alfa

• Alexion completed its natural history study in juvenile-onset hypophosphatasia (HPP), which enables the Company to complete its rolling Biologics License Application (BLA)

submission for asfotase alfa with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the fourth quarter. Alexion received Breakthrough Therapy designation from the FDA for asfotase alfa in 2013.

• Alexion submitted a New Drug Application (NDA) for asfotase alfa for patients with HPP to Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) in October 2014.

Ultra-Rare Disease Programs With Eculizumab

- Transplant: Antibody-Mediated Rejection (AMR) Alexion has completed enrollment and dosing in both the multinational living-donor and deceased-donor kidney transplant trials in patients at elevated risk of AMR.
- Transplant: Delayed Graft Function (DGF) Alexion is enrolling patients in a single, multinational registration trial for the prevention of DGF in renal transplant patients.
- Neurology: Neuromyelitis Optica (NMO) Enrollment is ongoing in a single, multinational, placebo-controlled, registration trial in relapsing NMO.
- Neurology: Myasthenia Gravis (MG) Enrollment is ongoing in a single, multinational, placebo-controlled, registration trial in refractory MG.
- **Next-Generation Soliris Development Programs** Alexion has initiated clinical development of the first two molecules in the Company's innovative portfolio of next-generation Soliris candidates.

Ultra-Rare Disease Programs with Additional Highly Innovative Therapeutics

- **cPMP Replacement Therapy (ALXN1101)** A natural history study in patients with molybdenum cofactor deficiency (MoCD) Type A and a synthetic cPMP bridging study are both ongoing. Alexion received Breakthrough Therapy designation for its cPMP replacement therapy in 2013, which is being developed for patients with MoCD Type A.
- ALXN1007 Alexion has commenced dosing in a Phase 2 proof-of-concept study of ALXN1007, a novel anti-inflammatory
 antibody, in patients with antiphospholipid syndrome (APS). Alexion has started site activation for another Phase 2 proofof-concept study of ALXN1007 in patients with graft versus host disease involving the lower gastrointestinal tract (GIGVHD), another severe and ultra-rare disorder.

2014 Financial Guidance

Alexion today announced that the Company is revising upward its revenue guidance for 2014 from the previous range of \$2.18 to \$2.20 billion, now to the higher range of \$2.220 to \$2.225 billion. Non-GAAP earnings per share guidance is also being revised upward, from the previous range of \$4.95 to \$5.05 per share, now to the higher range of \$5.15 to \$5.20 per share. Alexion is also forecasting a lower 2014 non-GAAP tax rate of approximately 7.5 percent, reduced from the previously announced rate of 8 to 9 percent.

Alexion is reiterating the other elements of its 2014 financial guidance as provided in the press release issued on July 24, 2014.

Conference Call/Webcast Information:

Alexion will host a conference call/audio webcast to discuss matters mentioned in this release. The call is scheduled for today, October 23, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time. To participate in this call, dial 1-888-298-3457 (USA) or +1-719-325-2209 (International), passcode 2636963, shortly before 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time. A replay of the call will be available for a limited period following the call, beginning at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Time. The replay number is 1-888-203-1112 (USA) or +1-719-457-0820 (International), passcode 2636963. The audio webcast can be accessed on the Investor page of www.alexionpharma.com.

About Soliris

Soliris is a first-in-class terminal complement inhibitor developed from the laboratory through regulatory approval and commercialization by Alexion. Soliris is approved in the U.S. (2007), European Union (2007), Japan (2010) and other countries as the first and only treatment for patients with paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH), a debilitating, ultra-rare and life-threatening blood disorder, characterized by complement-mediated hemolysis (destruction of red blood cells). Soliris is indicated to reduce hemolysis. Soliris is also approved in the U.S. (2011), the European Union (2011), Japan (2013) and other countries as the first and only treatment for patients with atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome (aHUS), a debilitating, ultra-rare and life-threatening genetic disorder characterized by complement-mediated thrombotic microangiopathy, or TMA (blood clots in small vessels). Soliris is indicated to inhibit complement-mediated TMA. The effectiveness of Soliris in aHUS is based on its effects on TMA and renal function. Soliris is not indicated for the treatment of patients with Shiga-toxin *E. coli*-related hemolytic uremic syndrome (STEC-HUS). For the breakthrough medical innovation in complement inhibition, Alexion and Soliris have received some of the pharmaceutical industry's highest honors: the Prix Galien USA (2008, Best Biotechnology Product) and France (2009, Rare Disease Treatment).

More information, including the full U.S. prescribing information on Soliris, is available at www.soliris.net.

About Alexion

Alexion is a biopharmaceutical company focused on serving patients with severe and rare disorders through the innovation, development and commercialization of life-transforming therapeutic products. Alexion is the global leader in complement inhibition and has developed and markets Soliris® (eculizumab) as a treatment for patients with PNH and aHUS, two debilitating, ultra-rare and life-threatening disorders caused by chronic uncontrolled complement activation. Soliris is currently approved in nearly 50 countries for the treatment of PNH, and in nearly 40 countries for the treatment of aHUS. Alexion is evaluating other potential indications for Soliris in additional severe and ultra-rare disorders beyond PNH and aHUS, and is developing other highly innovative biotechnology product candidates across multiple therapeutic areas. This press release and further information about Alexion can be found at www.alexionpharma.com.

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This news release contains forward-looking statements, including statements related to guidance regarding anticipated financial results for 2014, assessment of the Company's financial position and commercialization efforts, medical benefits and commercial potential for Soliris for PNH and aHUS and other potential indications, medical and commercial potential of Alexion's complement-inhibition technology and other technologies, and plans for clinical programs for each of our product candidates. Forward-looking statements are subject to factors

that may cause Alexion's results and plans to differ from those expected, including for example, decisions of regulatory authorities regarding marketing approval or material limitations on the marketing of Soliris for PNH and aHUS and other potential indications, delays, interruptions or failures in the manufacture and supply of Soliris and our product candidates, progress in establishing and developing commercial infrastructure, failure to satisfactorily address the issues raised by the FDA in regulatory correspondence, the possibility that results of clinical trials are not predictive of safety and efficacy results of Soliris in broader patient populations in the disease studied or other diseases, the risk that strategic transactions will not result in short-term or long-term benefits, the possibility that current results of commercialization are not predictive of future rates of adoption of Soliris in PNH, aHUS or other diseases, the possibility that clinical trials of our product candidates could be delayed or that additional research and testing is required by regulatory agencies, the adequacy of our pharmacovigilance and drug safety reporting processes, the risk that third party payors (including governmental agencies) will not reimburse or continue to reimburse for the use of Soliris at acceptable rates or at all, the risk that estimates regarding the number of patients with PNH, aHUS or other diseases are inaccurate, and a variety of other risks set forth from time to time in Alexion's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including but not limited to the risks discussed in Alexion's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2014 and in our other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Alexion does not intend to update any of these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof, except when a duty arises under law.

In addition to financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP, this news release also contains non-GAAP financial measures that Alexion believes, when considered together with the GAAP information, provide investors and management with supplemental information relating to performance, trends and prospects that promote a more complete understanding of our operating results and financial position during different periods. The non-GAAP results exclude the impact of the following GAAP items: share-based compensation expense, acquisition-related costs, amortization of purchased intangible assets, upfront and milestone payments related to license and collaboration agreements, intangible asset impairments, and non-cash taxes. These non-GAAP financial measures are not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for, or superior to, the financial measures prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP and should be reviewed in conjunction with the relevant GAAP financial measures. Please refer to the attached Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Financial Results for explanations of the amounts adjusted to arrive at non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP earnings per share amounts for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

(Tables Follow)

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ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share amounts) (unaudited)

		Three months ended September 30				Nine months ended September 30						
		2014	nber	2013		2014	nber	2013				
		2014		2013	-	2014		2013				
Net product sales	\$	555,146	\$	400,405	\$	1,634,257	\$	1,109,437				
Cost of sales:												
Cost of sales		51,858		42,177		124,423		116,823				
Change in contingent liability from intellectual property settlement		_		9,181		_		9,181				
Total cost of sales		51,858		51,358		124,423		126,004				
Operating expenses:												
Research and development		100,661		88,209		384,672		231,308				
Selling, general and administrative		157,665		122,886		446,433		354,901				
Impairment of intangible asset		_		_		3,464		_				
Acquisition-related costs		8,303		2,573		10,254		6,974				
Amortization of purchased intangible assets		_		104		_		312				
Total operating expenses		266,629		213,772		844,823		593,495				
Operating income		236,659		135,275		665,011		389,938				
Other income (expense)		(450)		(987)	_	1,755		(1,646)				
Income before income taxes		236,209		134,288		666,766		388,292				
Income tax provision		58,478		40,503		163,186		116,405				
Net income	\$	177,731	\$	93,785	\$	503,580	\$	271,887				
Earnings per common share												
Basic	\$	0.90	\$	0.48	\$	2.54	\$	1.40				
Diluted	\$	0.88	\$	0.47	\$	2.50	\$	1.37				
Shares used in computing earnings per common share												
Basic		198,052		195,662		197,910		194,520				
Diluted	===	201,313	:===	199,711		201,528		198,655				
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ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL RESULTS

(in thousands, except per share amounts) (unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30			Nine months ended				
				September 30				
	2014		2013		2014			2013
Net income reconciliation:								
GAAP net income	\$	177,731	\$	93,785	\$	503,580	\$	271,887
Share-based compensation expense		28,366		21,597		80,621		56,409
Acquisition-related costs (1)		8,303		2,573		10,254		6,974
Amortization of purchased intangible assets		_		104		_		312
Change in contingent liability from intellectual property settlement		_		9,181		_		9,181
Upfront and milestone payments related to license and collaboration agreements		_		11,500		101,925		14,500
Impairment of intangible asset		_		_		3,464		_
Non-cash taxes (2)		43,866		29,173		100,094		87,194
Non-GAAP net income	\$	258,266	\$	167,913	\$	799,938	\$	446,457
GAAP earnings per share - diluted	\$	0.88	\$	0.47	\$	2.50	\$	1.37
Non-GAAP earnings per share - diluted	\$	1.27	\$	0.83	\$	3.91	\$	2.21
Shares used in computing diluted earnings per share (GAAP)		201,313		199,711		201,528		198,655
Shares used in computing diluted earnings per share (non-GAAP)		203,992		202,988		204,417		201,886

	Three months ended September 30				Nine months ended				
					September			30	
	2014			2013		2014		2013	
Cost of sales reconciliation:									
GAAP cost of sales	\$	51,858	\$	51,358	\$	124,423	\$	126,004	
Share-based compensation expense		(1,059)		(757)		(2,906)		(2,349)	
Change in contingent liability from intellectual property settlement		_		(9,181)		_		(9,181)	
Non-GAAP cost of sales	\$	50,799	\$	41,420	\$	121,517	\$	114,474	
Research and development reconciliation:									
GAAP research and development	\$	100,661	\$	88,209	\$	384,672	\$	231,308	
Share-based compensation expense		(7,936)		(7,803)		(23,374)		(17,961)	
Upfront and milestone payments related to license and collaboration agreements		_		(11,500)		(101,925)		(14,500)	
Non-GAAP research and development	\$	92,725	\$	68,906	\$	259,373	\$	198,847	
Selling, general and administrative reconciliation:									
GAAP selling, general and administrative	\$	157,665	\$	122,886	\$	446,433	\$	354,901	
Share-based compensation expense		(19,371)		(13,037)		(54,341)		(36,099)	
Non-GAAP selling, general and administrative	\$	138,294	\$	109,849	\$	392,092	\$	318,802	
Income tax provision reconciliation:									
GAAP income tax provision	\$	58,478	\$	40,503	\$	163,186	\$	116,405	
Non-cash taxes (2)		(43,866)		(29,173)		(100,094)		(87,194)	
Non-GAAP income tax provision	\$	14,612	\$	11,330	\$	63,092	\$	29,211	
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(1) The following table summarizes acquisition-related costs:

	Three months ended September 30,			Six months ended June 30				
		2014	2013		2014		2013	
Separately-identifiable employee costs	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	248
Professional fees		_		_		_		775
Changes in fair value of contingent consideration		8,303		2,573		10,254		5,951
	\$	8,303	\$	2,573	\$	10,254	\$	6,974

⁽²⁾ Non-cash taxes represents the adjustment from GAAP tax expense to the amount of taxes that are payable in cash in the current period.

ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands) (unaudited)

	September 30,			December 31,			
	2014						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	752,164	\$	529,857			
Marketable securities		1,029,543		984,994			
Trade accounts receivable, net		436,467		421,752			
Inventories		140,044		102,602			
Deferred tax assets, current		54,381		41,432			
Other current assets		147,279		106,220			
Property, plant and equipment, net		328,476		201,109			
Intangible assets, net		597,260		609,719			
Goodwill		254,073		254,073			
Deferred tax assets, noncurrent		49,620		3,394			
Other noncurrent assets		101,580		62,544			
Total assets	\$	3,890,887	\$	3,317,696			
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Accounts payable and accrued expenses		301,440		423,940			
Current portion of long-term debt		48,000		48,000			
Other current liabilities		153,097		110,489			
Long-term debt, less current portion		21,500		65,000			
Contingent consideration, noncurrent		107,073		106,744			
Deferred tax liabilities, noncurrent		4,971		101,241			
Other noncurrent liabilities		131,767		80,203			
Total liabilities		767,848		935,617			
Total stockholders' equity		3,123,039		2,382,079			
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	3,890,887	\$	3,317,696			