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## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addi KEISER DA	1 5	Person*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC</u> [ ALXN ]		ationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer k all applicable) Director 10% Owner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC		( )	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/12/2009	-	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)	
352 KNOTTE	R DRIVE		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6 Ind	ividual or Joint/Group Fili	ng (Chock Applicable	
(Street) CHESHIRE (City)	CT (State)	06410 (Zip)		Line)	Form filed by One Re Form filed by More th Person	porting Person	

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 2A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transa Code ( 8)					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(11311.4)
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	01/12/2009		S		375 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$34.51	218,989 <sup>(2)</sup>	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. Transa Code ( 8)		of E		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. These sales were made to cover the withholding taxes immediately following the vesting of previously granted Restricted Stock.

2. Reporting person's ownership reflects the 2-for-1 common stock split effected by the Issuer in the form of a dividend on August 22, 2008.

#### David Keiser

<u>01/14/2009</u> Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

 $^{\ast}$  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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