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 Address of Reporting Person* BOWDISH KATHERINE S						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC ALXN									all app Dired	olicable)	ng Person(s) to I 10% (Other	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC 352 KNOTTER DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2004								Senior Vice President				
(Street) CHESHIRE CT 06410 (City) (State) (Zip)					_ 4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv Line) X	'			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day						Execution Date,		Date,				es Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a		nd 5) Secur Benef		icially d Following	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				action(s) 3 and 4)		
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 12/15/20						004			S		5,000	D	\$24.	0952	3	30,196	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 Date (Month/Day/Year) Price of Derivative Security 3. Transaction Date Executior if any (Month/Day/Year)			on Date, Transac Code (In					6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		Deri Secu (Inst		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Number of Shares					

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Katherine S. Bowdish

12/16/2004

** 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).
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