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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Veneman Ann M					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC [5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
					ALXN]							X Directo	r	10%	Owner		
(Last)	(F	irst)	(Middle)			J							Officer below)	(give title	Other below	(specify	
ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 352 KNOTTER DRIVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2011												
(Street) CHESHIRE CT 06410			4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)										reison				
		Tat	ole I - Non-E) Derivativ	/e Se	curities	Ac	quired, D	ispo	osed of	f, or Ber	eficiall	y Owned				
Date			Transaction ate Ionth/Day/`	Execution Date,		Code (Instr. 5)			d (A) or r. 3, 4 and	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follo		6. Ownership Form: Direct D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
							Code V	' A	Amount	(A) or (D) Price		Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)		(111511.4)		
			Table II - De (e.					uired, Dis , options	•			-	Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 3. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Instr.		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	Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indirect (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		piration	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	1(5)		
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$98.86	05/11/2011		A		2,786 ⁽¹⁾		08/11/2011	05/	/11/2021	Commpn Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	2,786	\$0	2,786	D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. These options will vest in four quarterly installments during the one year period commencing on May 11, 2011 and ending on May 11, 2012.

/s/ Ann M. Veneman

05/13/2011

** 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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