## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     NORBY R DOUGLAS                   |   |  |  |         |                 |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ ALXN ]  |                                 |  |  |                        |   |                                      |                          | all applic   | able)   | g Pers                            | 10% Ov<br>Other (s  | vner                                  |
|---|---|--|--|---------|-----------------|--|---|---------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 352 KNOTTER DRIVE |   |  |  |         |                 |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     11/03/2009  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |                                 |  |  |                        |   |                                      |                          |  | loint/Groun   | Filing                            | below)  | nlicable                              |
| (Street) CHESHIRE CT 06410  (City) (State) (Zip)                            |   |  |  |         | _               | 4. II Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Teal) |   |                                 |  |  |                        |   |                                      |                          | dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |                                   |   |                                       |
|   |   | Tab  | le I - N                                   | on-Deri | ivativ          | e Se   | curit   | ties Ac                         | quired   | , Di   | sposed o               | f, or Be  | neficia                              | ally                     | Owned  |   |                                   |   |                                       |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day                |   |  |  |         | Execution Date, |  |   | 3.<br>Transac<br>Code (II<br>8) |  | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a |                        |   | and 5) Securiti<br>Benefici<br>Owned |                          | es<br>ally<br>Following  | Form<br>(D) o   | : Direct<br>r Indirect<br>str. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                     |                                       |
|   |   |  |  |         |                 |  |   |                                 | Code   | v  | Amount                 | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price                                |                          | Reporte<br>Transac<br>(Instr. 3  | ion(s)  |                                   |   | (Instr. 4)                            |
| Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share 11/03/2                           |   |  |  |         |                 | 009  |   |                                 | M  |  | 15,000(1               | ) A   | \$7.                                 | 79                       | 26   | ,089  |                                   | D   |                                       |
| Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share 11/03/2                           |   |  |  |         |                 | .009   |   |                                 | S  |  | 9,300(1)               | D \$43  |                                      | <b>74</b> <sup>(2)</sup> | 16,789   |   | D                                 |   |                                       |
| Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share 11/03/2                           |   |  |  |         |                 | 009  |   |                                 | S  |  | 5,700(1)               | D   | \$44.26(3)                           |                          | 11,  | 11,089  |                                   | D   |                                       |
|   |   | -  | Table II                                   |         |                 |  |   |                                 |  |  | posed of,<br>convertil |   |                                      |                          | wned   |   |                                   |   |                                       |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                         | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deen<br>Executio<br>if any<br>(Month/D | n Date, | Code (Ir        |  |   |                                 | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  |                        | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                      | D<br>S                   | Price of<br>erivative<br>ecurity<br>nstr. 5)   | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | is<br>Bly                         | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |   |  |  |         | Code            | v  | (A)   | (D)                             | Date<br>Exercisa   | ıble   | Expiration<br>Date     | Title   | Amour<br>or<br>Numbe<br>of<br>Shares | er                       |  |   |                                   |   |                                       |
| Option to<br>Purchase<br>Common   | \$7.79  | 11/03/2009                                 |  |         | M               |  |   | 15,000                          | 03/02/20   | 003  | 12/12/2012             | Common<br>Stock,<br>par value<br>\$.0001  | 15,00                                | 0                        | \$0  | 0   |                                   | D   |                                       |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The transactions reported by this Form 4 are made pursuant to the terms of a sales plan designed to meet the requirements of Rule 10b5-1 (c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act.
- 2. This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$43.10 \$44.10. The price reported in this column reflects the weighted average sales price. Upon request, the reporting person will provide to the SEC staff full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price.
- 3. This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$44.11 \$45.11. The price reported in this column reflects the weighted average sales price. Upon request, the reporting person will provide to the SEC staff full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price.

/s/ Douglas Norby

11/04/2009

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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