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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Coissac Patrice                  |   |  |  |         |                                      | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ ALXN ] |                           |   |   |       |                 |  |  | eck all appli<br>Direct  | cable)  | ng Pers   | son(s) to Iss<br>10% Ow<br>Other (s                                      | vner   |  |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC 352 KNOTTER DRIVE |   |  |  |         |                                      | Date o   |                           | Trans   | saction (Mo   | nth/D | Day/Year)       |  |  | helow.   | ) "   | t, Alx  | below)`<br>n Pharm Iı  |  |  |
| (Street) CHESHIRE CT 06410  (City) (State) (Zip)                           |   |  |  |         | _   4.                               | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                         |                           |   |   |       |                 |  |  | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |  |  |  |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Trans Date                             |   |  |  | saction |                                      |  | 3.<br>Transac<br>Code (Ir | 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, Code (Instr. 5) |   |       | ed (A) or       | 5. Amou<br>Securiti<br>Benefici<br>Owned   | nt of<br>es<br>ally<br>-ollowing       | Form<br>(D) o  | : Direct<br>r Indirect<br>str. 4)   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |  |  |
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| Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share 02/02/                           |   |  |  |         | 2/201                                | 1  |                           |   | A   |       | 5,000           | (1) A  | \$0                                    | 38   | ,941  |   | D  |  |  |
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| 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. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year |         | 4.<br>Transactio<br>Code (Inst<br>8) |  |                           |   | 6. Date Exercisabl<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |       |                 | 7. Title and Amo<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)  | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4) | e<br>s<br>Illy                                      | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |   |  |  |         | Code                                 | v  | (A)                       | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable                                       |       | expiration vate | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| Option to<br>Purchase<br>Common<br>Stock                                   | \$85.31   | 02/02/2011                                 |  |         | A                                    |  | 45,000                    |   | (2)   | 0     | 2/02/2021       | Common<br>Stock,<br>par value<br>\$.0001   | 45,000                                 | \$0  | 45,00   | 0   | D  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Award of Restricted Stock Units pursuantto 2004 Incentive Plan. 50% vests on two year anniversary of grant date and 50% vests on four year anniversary of grant date.
- 2. 1/16 vests every three months following grant date.

/s/ Patrice Coissac 02/04/2011

\*\* 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).
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