

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>SQUINTO STEPHEN P</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC</u> <u>352 KNOTTER DRIVE</u>  (Street) <u>CHESHIRE CT 06410</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ ALXN ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP, Research &amp; Development</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/27/2012</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	07/27/2012		M		39,374 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$17.98	127,036	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	07/27/2012		M		60,626 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$22.9	187,662	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	07/27/2012		S		25,680 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$105.86 <sup>(2)</sup>	161,982	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	07/27/2012		S		19,069 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$106.93 <sup>(3)</sup>	142,913	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	07/27/2012		S		38,951 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$107.75 <sup>(4)</sup>	103,962	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	07/27/2012		S		16,300 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$108.88 <sup>(5)</sup>	87,662	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	07/27/2012		S		668 <sup>(6)</sup>	D	\$106.14	86,994	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	07/31/2012		S		1,015 <sup>(6)</sup>	D	\$105.01 <sup>(7)</sup>	85,979	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		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 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
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$17.98	07/27/2012		M			39,374	04/26/2009	01/26/2019	Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	39,374	\$0	0	D	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$22.9	07/27/2012		M			60,626	04/28/2010	01/28/2020	Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	60,626	\$0	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The transaction 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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$105.33 - \$106.33. 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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$106.33 - \$107.33. 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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$107.35 - \$108.35. 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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$108.35 - \$109.35. 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.
- These sales were made to cover the withholding taxes immediately following the vesting of previously granted Restricted Stock.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$104.98 - \$105.02. 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/ Stephen Squinto

07/31/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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\*\* 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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