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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addr	DOUGLAS		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC</u> [ ALXN ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)
(Last) $C/O$ ALEXION	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Delowy Delowy
C/O ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 352 KNOTTER DRIVE			08/24/2009	
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
(Street)	CT	00410		X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

## 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. Transa Code ( 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	08/24/2009		М		2,000	A	\$42.06	13,089	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	08/24/2009		М		15,000	A	\$40.25	28,089	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	08/24/2009		S		17,000(1)	D	\$45 <sup>(2)</sup>	11,089	D	

## Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Transa Code ( 8)		of		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)		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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$42.06	08/24/2009		М			2,000	05/17/2000	02/17/2010	Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	2,000	\$0	0	D	
Option to Puchase Common Stock	\$40.25	08/24/2009		М			15,000	03/08/2001	12/08/2010	Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	15,000	\$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 \$45.00 - \$45.99. The price reported in this column reflects the weighed 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.

08/24/2009 Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 $^{\ast}$  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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