

SQUINTO STEPHEN P  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**SQUINTO STEPHEN P**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ALXN]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 EVP, Research & Development

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC, 352 KNOTTER DRIVE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**07/27/2012**

**CHESHIRE, CT 06410**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 or Price		
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	07/27/2012		M		39,374 (1)	A	\$ 17.98 127,036 D
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	07/27/2012		M		60,626 (1)	A	\$ 22.9 187,662 D

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Common Stock, par value	07/27/2012	S	25,680 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 105.86 <u>(2)</u>	161,982	D
\$ .0001 per share							
Common Stock, par value	07/27/2012	S	19,069 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 106.93 <u>(3)</u>	142,913	D
\$ .0001 per share							
Common Stock, par value	07/27/2012	S	38,951 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 107.75 <u>(4)</u>	103,962	D
\$ .0001 per share							
Common Stock, par value	07/27/2012	S	16,300 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 108.88 <u>(5)</u>	87,662	D
\$ .0001 per share							
Common Stock, par value	07/27/2012	S	668 <u>(6)</u>	D	\$ 106.14	86,994	D
\$ .0001 per share							
Common Stock, par value	07/31/2012	S	1,015 <u>(6)</u>	D	\$ 105.01 <u>(7)</u>	85,979	D
\$ .0001 per share							

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 17.98	07/27/2012	M				04/26/2009	01/26/2019	Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	39,374
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 22.9	07/27/2012	M				04/28/2010	01/28/2020	Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	60,626

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SQUINTO STEPHEN P C/O ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC 352 KNOTTER DRIVE CHESHIRE, CT 06410			EVP, Research & Development	

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen Squinto 07/31/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) These sales were made to cover the withholding taxes immediately following the vesting of previously granted Restricted Stock.

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This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$104.98 - \$105.02. The price reported in (7) 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.

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