

Coissac Patrice  
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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 \*  
Coissac Patrice

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)  
SVP & Pres. ALXN Pharma Int'l

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/27/2012

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	08/27/2012		M		29,734 A \$ 22.9	115,616	D
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share	08/27/2012		M		12,198 A \$ 42.66	127,814	D

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Common Stock, par value 08/27/2012 S 41,932 D \$ 107.05 85,882 D  
 \$.0001 per share (1)

Common Stock, par value 08/28/2012 M 21,551 A \$ 42.66 107,433 D  
 \$.0001 per share

Common Stock, par value 08/28/2012 S 21,551 D \$ 106.37 85,882 D  
 \$.0001 per share (2)

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 22.9	08/27/2012		M	29,734	04/28/2010 01/28/2020	Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share 29,734
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 42.66	08/27/2012		M	12,198	05/02/2011 02/02/2021	Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share 12,198
Option to Purchase	\$ 42.66	08/28/2012		M	21,551	05/02/2011 02/02/2021	Common Stock, par 21,551

Common  
Stock

value  
\$.0001  
per share

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Coissac Patrice C/O ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC 352 KNOTTER DRIVE CHESHIRE, CT 06410			SVP & Pres. ALXN Pharma Int'l	

## Signatures

/s/ Patrice  
Coissac

08/29/2012

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) This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$107.00 - \$107.99. 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.
  - (2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$106.00 - \$106.99. 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.

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