FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FRATES JAMES M						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Alkermes plc. [ ALKS ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title Other (specify					
(Last) (First) (Middle)  CONNAUGHT HOUSE  1 BURLINGTON ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/27/2014									X Officer (give title Officer (specify below)  SVP & CFO, Alkermes plc				
(Street) DUBLIN 4 IRELAND						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applical Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person												son	
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									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Transad (Instr. 3	ction(s)		(Instr. 4)	
Ordinary	Shares			08/27/2	014	14			M <sup>(1)</sup>		8,000	A	\$8.5	\$8.55		52,225			
Ordinary Shares 08/27/20					014	.4			M <sup>(1)</sup>		8,000	A	\$14	14.9		),225	D		
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					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerci	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	er					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$8.55	08/27/2014			M <sup>(1)</sup>			8,000	(5		05/26/2019	Ordinary Shares	8,00	0	\$0	41,000	D		
Non Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$14.9	08/27/2014			M <sup>(1)</sup>			8,000	(5	(i)	12/17/2014	Ordinary Shares	8,000	0	\$0	56,870	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This option exercise was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- 2. This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- 3. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$44.98 to \$45.37. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price can be furnished to the SEC staff upon request.
- 4. Shares held by James M. Frates Grantor Retained Annuity Trust dated March 14, 2014 (the "GRAT"). The Reporting Person is a trustee and beneficiary of the GRAT and may be deemed to hold voting and dispositive power with regard to the reported shares held by the GRAT.
- 5. These options are fully vested in accordance with their terms.

/s/ Jennifer Baptiste, attorneyin-fact for James M. Frates

08/27/2014

\*\* 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).
- \*\* 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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