FORM 4

obligations may continue. See

Instruction 1(b).

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FRATES JAMES M						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Alkermes plc. [ ALKS ]										5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) CONNAUGHT HOUSE 1 BURLINGTON ROAD					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2017											X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  SVP, Alks Inc; CFO ALKS					
(Street) DUBLIN 4 Ireland					_   4. I	Line									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(St	tate)	(Zip)																		
		Tab	le I - No	n-Deriv	vativ	e Se	curi	ties A	cq	uired,	Dis	posed o	of, o	r Ben	eficial	ly Owned	l				
Da				Date	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			ction Instr.	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 at 5)				Beneficially Owned Following		Form:	vnership n: Direct r Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
										Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)		Price	Transact	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Ordinary Shares					03/01/2017							4,500	)	A	\$0	118	,615	D			
Ordinary Shares 03					1/201	7				F		1,461		D	\$59.7	1 117	117,154		D		
Ordinary Shares																4,0	000		I	By Sons	
Ordinary Shares																41,	,041			By 2014 GRAT <sup>(1)</sup>	
Ordinary Shares																16,	,562			By 2015 GRAT <sup>(2)</sup>	
Ordinary Shares																11,	,421		I	By 2015 GRAT No. 2 <sup>(3)</sup>	
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	vative Conversion Date Execution Da urity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			Date,	Date, Transaction Code (Instr			n of E			ercisa Date y/Yea	ole and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Se (Instr. 3 and 4		Security	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)		ate kercisab		Expiration Date	Title		Amount or Number of Shares	nber					
Restricted Stock Unit Award	\$0	03/01/2017			M			4,500	03	3/01/2017	7(4)	(4)		linary nares	4,500	\$0	13,500	0	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 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.
- 2. Shares held by the James M. Frates Grantor Retained Annuity Trust dated May 29, 2015 (the "2015 GRAT"). The Reporting Person is a trustee and beneficiary of the 2015 GRAT and may be deemed to hold voting and dispositive power with regard to the reported shares held by the 2015 GRAT.
- 3. Shares held by the James M. Frates Grantor Retained Annuity Trust No. 2 dated November 25, 2015 (the "2015 GRAT No. 2"). The Reporting Person is a trustee and beneficiary of the 2015 GRAT No. 2 and may be deemed to hold voting and dispositive power with regard to the reported shares held by the 2015 GRAT No. 2.
- $4. \ Shares \ subject to the \ restricted \ stock \ unit \ award \ vest \ in \ equal \ annual \ installments \ over \ a \ four \ year \ period, \ commencing \ on \ 3/1/2017.$

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

03/02/2017

\*\* 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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