FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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]								heck all ap Dire	nship of Reporting Pe applicable) Director Officer (give title		10% Owner Other (specify	
(Last) (First) (Middle) TREASURY BUILDING LOWER GRAND CANAL STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2012								SVP & CFO, Alkermes plc				
(Street) DUBLIN 2 IRELAND (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								ne) X For For	vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
		Tab	le I - N	Non-Deri	ivativ	e Sec	curit	ties Ad	cquire	ed, D	isposed o	f, or B	eneficia	lly Own	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day					Exec if any	2A. Deemed Execution Date, f any Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an			Secu Bene Own	ficially ed Following	Forn (D) c	n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Repo Trans (Inst	rted action(s) . 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 02/01/201					2012	12			M ⁽¹⁾		10,000	A	\$7.36		89,625		D	
Common Stock 02/01/202					2012	.2		S ⁽²⁾		10,000	D	\$18.968	8.9687 ⁽³⁾ 79			D		
Common Stock													4,			I	By Sons	
		7	Table I								posed of, , converti			y Owne	I			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price Derivati Security (Instr. 5)		e s Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	isable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Non Qualified Stock Option (Right to	\$7.36	02/01/2012			M ⁽¹⁾			10,000	((4)	12/12/2012	Common Stock	10,000	\$0	51,27	<u>'</u> 4	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 \$18.87 to \$19.07. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price can be furnished to the SEC staff upon request.
- 4. These options are fully vested in accordance with their terms.

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

02/03/2012

** 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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