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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  BREYER ROBERT A  (Last) (First) (Middle) |               |  |                    |                             | <u>Al</u>        | S. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     Alkermes plc. [ ALKS ]      3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) |                   |          |          |   |               |                  |   |  |                   | ationship of Reportin<br>call applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title<br>below) |  | ng Person(s) to Issi<br>10% Ow<br>Other (s<br>below) |  | ner  |
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| CONNAUGHT HOUSE<br>1 BURLINGTON ROAD   |               |  |                    |                             | 02/01/2013       |  |                   |          |          |   |               |                  |   |  |                   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1. Title of \$   | Security (Ins |  | ie i - NO          | 2. Trans<br>Date<br>(Month/ | action           | ar) i  | A. Dee<br>executi |          | ,        | 3.<br>Transact<br>Code (In<br>8)                      | tion          | 4. Securit       | ties Acquir<br>l Of (D) (Ins  | ed (A) or                              | Ť                 | 5. Amou<br>Securitie<br>Benefici<br>Owned I  | nt of<br>es<br>ally<br>Following   | Form<br>(D) o  | n: Direct<br>r Indirect<br>istr. 4)                                      | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                |
| Ordinary Shares  |               |  |                    |                             |                  |  |                   | Code     | v        | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price            |   | Reporte<br>Transac<br>(Instr. 3        | tion(s)           |  |  | (Instr. 4)   |  |  |
| Ordinary   | Shares        |  |                    | 02/01                       | 1/2013           | 3  |                   |          |          | M <sup>(1)</sup>                                      |               | 5,000            | A   | \$11.                                  | .84               | 63   | ially Following ed tition(s)  (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)   |  | D  |  |
| Ordinary   | Shares        |  |                    | 02/01                       | 1/2013           | 3  |                   |          |          | <b>S</b> <sup>(2)</sup>                               |               | 5,000            | D   | \$21.                                  | .42               | 58   | 106  |  | D  |  |
|  |               | Т  | able II -          |                             |                  |  |                   |          |          |   |               |                  | or Ben<br>ble secu  |  |                   | wned   |  |  |  |  |
| Derivative Conversion  |               | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)  3A. Det Execut if any (Month |                    |                             |                  | ransaction<br>ode (Instr.  |                   | n of     |          | 6. Date Exercisa<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Yea |               |                  | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secur<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | De<br>Se<br>(In   | Price of<br>erivative<br>ecurity<br>nstr. 5)   | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | ly   | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |               |  |                    |                             | Code             | v  | (A)               | (D)      | Da<br>Ex | ite<br>ercisable                                      |               | xpiration<br>ate | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                           | \$11.84       | 02/01/2013   |                    |                             | M <sup>(1)</sup> |  |                   | 5,000    |          | (3)   | 0             | 9/23/2014        | Ordinary<br>Shares  | 5,000                                  |                   | \$0  | 10,400   |  | 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. These options are fully vested in accordance with their terms.

/s/ Shantale Harb, attorney-infact for Robert A. Breyer

02/01/2013

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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