

ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC

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THIEL CARSTEN

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Thiel Carsten (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC, 100 COLLEGE STREET (Street) NEW HAVEN, CT 06510 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ALXN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) EVP, Chief Commercial Officer
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">2/27/2017</p>		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	2/27/2017		S		71 (1)	D	\$131.20 (2)	30197	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	2/28/2017		S		54 (1)	D	\$0 (2)	30143	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	2/28/2017		A		7500 (3)	A	\$0	37643	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)															
1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$131.25	2/28/2017		A		14800 (4)		2/28/2018	2/28/2027	Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	14800.0	\$0	29600	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) This sale was made to cover withholding taxes immediately following the vesting of previously granted Restricted Stock Units.
- (2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$131.00 - \$131.99. 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.
- (3) Award of Restricted Stock Units under the 2004 Incentive Plan. 25% vests on each anniversary of the grant date.
- (4) Stock option award under 2004 Incentive Plan. 25% vest on the first anniversary of the grant date, 1/16 every three months thereafter until fully vested over 4 years.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Thiel Carsten C/O ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC 100 COLLEGE STREET NEW HAVEN, CT 06510			EVP, Chief Commercial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Michael Greco, Attorney-in-Fact for Carsten Thiel

**Signature of Reporting Person

3/1/2017

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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