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*  PARVEN ALVIN S						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ alxn ]								Relationship of Reporting Person (Check all applicable)     Director			10% O	wner
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC 352 KNOTTER DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2003									(give title		Other (in below)	
Street) CHESHIRE CT 06410  (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Tab	le I - Non	-Deriv	ative	Sec	urities	s Ac	quired, D	isp	osed c	of, or Be	neficial	ly Owne	d			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D.					Execution			Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)		rities Acquired (A) o ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a		Benefic Owned	es ially Following	Form (D) o	n: Direct r Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	/	Amount	(A) o (D)	r Price	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	ction(s)			(Instr. 4)
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)  2. Conversion Opate (Month/Day/Year)  3. Transaction Date Execution Date (Month/Day/Year)  Opation Date (Month/Day/Year)  3. Transaction Date Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			Date,	4. Transa Code (i 8)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Owne Form: Direct or Ind (I) (Ins	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		piration te	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Option to Purchase Common Stock, \$.0001 Par Value per share	\$17.05	12/16/2003			A		7,500		(1)	12/	/16/2013	Common Stock, \$.0001 Par Value per share	7,500	\$17.05	7,500	)	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. 1/3 vests on 12/16/04, 12/16/05 and 12/16/06.

Alvin S. Parven

12/17/2003

\*\* 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).
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