

Alkermes plc.  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MITCHELL PAUL J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

TREASURY BUILDING, LOWER GRAND CANAL STREET

(Street)

DUBLIN 2

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Alkermes plc. [ALKS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/16/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/16/2011                           |  | A                              | 8,000 A (3) 8,000   |   | D  |                                   |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 8.98  | 09/16/2011                           |  | A                              | 20,000  | <u>(1)</u>   | 10/06/2019  | Common Stock | 20,000                     |
| Non Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 9.91  | 09/16/2011                           |  | A                              | 20,000  | <u>(1)</u>   | 04/24/2013  | Common Stock | 20,000                     |
| Non Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 9.91  | 09/16/2011                           |  | A                              | 8,000   | <u>(1)</u>   | 04/24/2013  | Common Stock | 8,000                      |
| Non Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 11.44   | 09/16/2011                           |  | A                              | 20,000  | <u>(1)</u>   | 10/07/2018  | Common Stock | 20,000                     |
| Non Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 11.84   | 09/16/2011                           |  | A                              | 20,000  | <u>(1)</u>   | 09/23/2014  | Common Stock | 20,000                     |
| Non Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 13.44   | 09/16/2011                           |  | A                              | 20,000  | <u>(1)</u>   | 09/09/2013  | Common Stock | 20,000                     |
|  | \$ 14.04   | 09/16/2011                           |  | A                              | 20,000  | <u>(1)</u>   | 09/21/2016  |              | 20,000                     |

| Non<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) |          |            |   |        |     |            |                 | Common<br>Stock |  |
|--|----------|------------|---|--------|-----|------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Non<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 16.77 | 09/16/2011 | A | 20,000 | (1) | 09/23/2015 | Common<br>Stock | 20,000          |  |
| Non<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 18.29 | 09/16/2011 | A | 20,000 | (1) | 10/09/2017 | Common<br>Stock | 20,000          |  |
| Non<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 14.92 | 09/16/2011 | A | 20,000 | (1) | 10/05/2020 | Common<br>Stock | 20,000          |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MITCHELL PAUL J<br>TREASURY BUILDING<br>LOWER GRAND CANAL STREET<br>DUBLIN 2 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer Baptiste, attorney-in-fact for Paul J.  
Mitchell

09/20/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) These options are fully vested in accordance with their terms.
  - (2) Received in exchange for, and having substantially the same terms as, stock options of Alkermes, Inc. common stock in connection with the Merger.
  - (3)

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Received in exchange for shares of Alkermes, Inc. common stock in connection with the merger of Alkermes, Inc. and the global drug delivery technologies business of Elan (the "Merger"). On 9/16/11, the effective date of the Merger, the closing price of ALKS was \$16.57 per share.

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