

Lindner Nigel
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Lindner Nigel | | (Month/Day/Year) | ALERE INC. [ALR] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 03/08/2013 | |
| 51 SAWYER ROAD, SUITE 200 | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| WALTHAM,Â MAÂ 02453 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | (give title below) (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | VP, R&D | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 812 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 1,376 | I | Owned by spouse |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---|-----------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 06/30/2011 | 06/30/2017 | Common Stock | 28,821 | \$ 51.02 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 10/31/2012 | 10/31/2018 | Common Stock | 5,000 | \$ 19.15 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(1)</u> | 06/30/2019 | Common Stock | 5,058 | \$ 35.58 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(2)</u> | 10/31/2021 | Common Stock | 30,000 | \$ 26.06 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(3)</u> | 02/28/2022 | Common Stock | 1,125 | \$ 25.43 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 10/04/2010 | 10/04/2016 | Common Stock | 3,000 | \$ 34.4 | I | Owned by Spouse |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 10/31/2011 | 10/31/2017 | Common Stock | 7,500 | \$ 60.09 | I | Owned by Spouse |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(4)</u> | 08/31/2022 | Common Stock | 4,000 | \$ 18.78 | I | Owned by Spouse |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Lindner Nigel 51 SAWYER ROAD, SUITE 200 WALTHAM, MA 02453 | Â | Â | Â VP, R&D | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Jay McNamara,
Attorney-in-Fact
Date: 03/11/2013

__Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 6/30/2010.
- (2) These options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 10/31/2012.
- (3) These options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 2/28/2013.
- (4) These options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 8/31/2013.

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