

ALKERMES INC
Form 8-K
December 03, 2009

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 3, 2009
ALKERMES, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

PENNSYLVANIA
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-14131
(Commission
File Number)

23-2472830
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

88 Sidney Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts
(Address of principal executive offices)

02139
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(617) 494-0171**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events

On December 3, 2009, Alkermes, Inc. (Alkermes) entered into an agreement with Acceleron Pharma, Inc. (Acceleron) to license a proprietary long-acting Fc fusion technology platform, as described in the attached press release. On execution of the agreement, Alkermes made an upfront payment of \$2 million and an equity investment in Acceleron of \$8 million. Alkermes will record the \$2 million upfront payment as a research and development expense during the quarter ended December 31, 2009 and will record the \$8 million as an investment on the balance sheet. Richard Pops, the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Alkermes, is also a Director of Acceleron.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

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Description

99.1 Press Release dated December 3, 2009

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ALKERMES, INC.

Date: December 3, 2009

By: /s/ James M. Frates
James M. Frates
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer and Treasurer
(Principal Financial and Accounting
Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

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