

Alkermes plc.  
Form 4  
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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, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
POPS RICHARD F

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
CONNAUGHT HOUSE, 1  
BURLINGTON ROAD  
(Street)

DUBLIN 4 IRELAND

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/24/2012

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)  
Director and CEO, Alkermes plc

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 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. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | Price  |   |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 09/24/2012                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 100,000   | A \$ 7.36  | 448,173 D   |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 09/24/2012                           |  | S <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 100,000   | D \$ 20.725  | 348,173 D   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | <sup>(3)</sup>   |   |

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)

| 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 of Number of Shares |
| Non Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 7.36  | 09/24/2012                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 100,000   | <sup>(4)</sup>   | 12/12/2012  | Ordinary Shares | 100,000                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| POPS RICHARD F<br>CONNAUGHT HOUSE<br>1 BURLINGTON ROAD<br>DUBLIN 4 IRELAND | X             |           | Director and CEO, Alkermes plc |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Shantale Harb, attorney-in-fact for Richard F. Pops  
Date: 09/24/2012

\_\_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) This option exercise was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (2) This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$20.37 to \$20.96. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price can be furnished to the SEC staff upon request.
- (4) These options are fully vested in accordance with their terms.

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