

Alkermes plc.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
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)  
05/21/2012

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 Reported (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Transaction(s) Price   |  |                                   |       |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V  | Amount   | (D)                               | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3)                           | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title           | Amount Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.55                     | 05/21/2012       | A          | 450,000  |      |   |     |     | 05/21/2013 <sup>(1)</sup> | 05/21/2022      | Ordinary Shares | 450,000                 |
| Restricted Stock Unit Award          | \$ 0                         | 05/21/2012       | A          | 32,500   |      |   |     |     | 05/21/2013 <sup>(2)</sup> | <sup>(2)</sup>  | Ordinary Shares | 32,500                  |

## 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/ Jennifer Baptiste, attorney-in-fact for Richard F. Pops  
 05/22/2012  
 \*\*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) Stock option award granted under the Alkermes plc 2011 Stock Option and Incentive Plan. Shares subject to the stock option vest in four equal annual installments commencing on 5/21/13.
- (2) Restricted stock unit award granted under the Alkermes plc 2011 Stock Option and Incentive Plan. Shares subject to the award vest in four equal annual installments commencing on 5/21/13.

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