

ALERE INC.  
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**Stockholder Meeting Notice**

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Alere Inc. Stockholder Meeting to be Held on July 28, 2011**

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual stockholders' meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

**This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The proxy statement and annual report to shareholders are available at:**

**[www.envisionreports.com/alr](http://www.envisionreports.com/alr)**

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## Stockholder Meeting Notice

**Alere Inc.'s Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on July 28, 2011 at 12:30 P.M. at the Company's Corporate Headquarters, 51 Sawyer Road, Suite 200, Waltham, MA 02453.**

**Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.**

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR all the nominees listed and FOR Proposals 2 - 5.**

**The Board of Directors does not have a recommendation for voting on Proposal 6.**

1. Election of Class I Directors to serve until the 2014 annual meeting of stockholders  
01 - John F. Levy    02 - Jerry McAleer, Ph.D.    03 - John A. Quelch, D.B.A.
2. Approval of an increase to the number of shares of common stock available for issuance under the Alere Inc. 2010 Stock Option and Incentive Plan by 1,500,000, from 1,653,663 to 3,153,663.
3. Approval of an increase to the number of shares of common stock available for issuance under the Alere Inc. 2001 Employee Stock Purchase Plan by 1,000,000, from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000.
4. Ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for our fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.
5. Approval, by non-binding vote, of executive compensation.
6. Recommendation, by non-binding vote, of the frequency of stockholder advisory votes on executive compensation.

**PLEASE NOTE - YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE. To vote your shares you must vote online or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card. If you wish to attend and vote at the meeting, please bring this notice with you.**

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