

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

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 *
FRATES JAMES M

(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)
08/11/2015

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)
SVP & CFO, 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Ordinary Shares | 08/11/2015 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 10,000 A | \$ 14.38 58,713 | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | 08/11/2015 | | S ⁽²⁾ | 3,074 D | \$ 67.6291 55,639 | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | 08/11/2015 | | S ⁽²⁾ | 6,926 D | \$ 68.1281 48,713 | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | | | | | 4,000 | I | By Sons |
| | | | | | 50,801 | I | |

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|-----------------|--|--------|--|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Ordinary Shares | | | | | | By 2014 GRAT ⁽⁵⁾ |
| Ordinary Shares | | 41,423 | | I | | By 2015 GRAT ⁽⁶⁾ |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 14.38 | 08/11/2015 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 10,000 | ⁽⁷⁾ 12/12/2016 | Ordinary Shares | 10,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FRATES JAMES M CONNAUGHT HOUSE 1 BURLINGTON ROAD DUBLIN 4 IRELAND | | | SVP & CFO, Alkermes plc | |

Signatures

/s/ Jennifer Baptiste, attorney-in-fact for James M. Frates

08/12/2015

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 \$66.88 to \$67.85. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price can be furnished to the SEC staff upon request.
- (4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$67.88 to \$68.48. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price can be furnished to the SEC staff upon request.
- (5) Shares held by James M. Frates Grantor Retained Annuity Trust dated March 14, 2014 (the "GRAT"). The Reporting Person is a trustee and beneficiary of the GRAT and may be deemed to hold voting and dispositive power with regard to the reported shares held by the GRAT.
- (6) Shares held by the 2015 GRAT. The Reporting Person is a trustee and beneficiary of the 2015 GRAT and may be deemed to hold voting and dispositive power with regard to the reported shares held by the 2015 GRAT.
- (7) These options are fully vested in accordance with their terms.

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