

ALKERMES INC  
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 \*  
FRATES JAMES M

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
88 SIDNEY STREET  
(Street)

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ALKERMES INC [ALKS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/15/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

SVP, CFO & Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	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 Acquired	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
				(A)	(D)			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.97	10/15/2008	D <sup>(1)</sup>		26,250	04/25/2004	04/25/2013	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.97	10/15/2008	A <sup>(2)</sup>	26,250		<sup>(3)</sup>	04/25/2013	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FRATES JAMES M 88 SIDNEY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139			SVP, CFO & Treasurer	

## Signatures

Jennifer Baptiste, Attorney-in-Fact for James Frates 10/17/2008

\_\_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) Cancellation of non-qualified stock option by mutual agreement of Alkermes and the reporting person. As consideration for the cancellation, the reporting person was granted a new stock option under the Company's 2008 Stock Option and Incentive Plan with the same terms, including exercise price, vesting and number of shares, as the cancelled stock option.
  - (2) Re-grant of non-qualified stock option under the 2008 Stock Option and Incentive Plan as consideration for the cancellation of the non-qualified stock option. Re-granted non-qualified option has the same terms as the cancelled option, including exercise price, vesting and number of shares.
  - (3) Stock option vests in its entirety upon date of grant.

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