Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | | | or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FRATES JAMES M | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Alkermes plc. [ALKS] | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
| FIGHTES | JAMES M | | | | Director | 10% Owner | | | | |
| (Loot) | (Firet) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | X | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | | | |
| | | (Middle) | 12/07/2016 | | SVP, Alks Inc; CFO ALKS | | | | | |
| 1 BURLIN | GTON ROAD | | | | | | | | | |
| - | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv | idual or Joint/Group Filir | ng (Check Applicable | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | X | Form filed by One Reg | oorting Person | | | | |
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| 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. Transa Code (8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Ordinary Shares | 12/07/2016 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 13,731 | A | \$15.95 | 126,073 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | 12/07/2016 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 10,000 | A | \$11.74 | 136,073 | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | 12/07/2016 | | S ⁽³⁾ | | 5,496 | D | \$55.6454 ⁽⁴⁾ | 130,577 | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | 12/07/2016 | | S ⁽³⁾ | | 17,379 | D | \$56.4375 ⁽⁵⁾ | 113,198 | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | 12/07/2016 | | S ⁽³⁾ | | 856 | D | \$57.2167 ⁽⁶⁾ | 112,342 | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | | | | | | | | 4,000 | I | By Sons |
| Ordinary Shares | | | | | | | | 41,041 | I | By 2014 GRAT ⁽⁷⁾ |
| Ordinary Shares | | | | | | | | 16,562 | I | By 2015 GRAT ⁽⁸⁾ |
| Ordinary Shares | | | | | | | | 11,421 | I | By 2015 GRAT No. 2 ⁽⁹⁾ |

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. Transa Code (8) | | of Deri Secu Acq (A) (Disp of (E | umber vative urities uired or oosed o) (Instr. and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Non Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 15.95 | 12/07/2016 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 13,731 | (10) | 06/01/2017 | Ordinary Shares | 13,731 | \$0 | 0 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$11.74 | 12/07/2016 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 10,000 | (10) | 05/17/2020 | Ordinary Shares | 10,000 | \$0 | 51,983 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- $1. \ This \ option \ exercise \ was \ effected \ pursuant \ to \ a \ Rule \ 10b5-1 \ trading \ plan \ adopted \ by \ the \ reporting \ person.$
- 2. Includes 18,579 shares received on December 5, 2016 pursuant to an annuity payment from the James M. Frates Grantor Retained Annuity Trust No. 2 dated November 25, 2015 (the "2015 GRAT No. 2") which was exempt from reporting obligations by virtue of Rule 16a-13 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- 3. This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- 4. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$55.09 to \$56.08. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price can be furnished to the SEC staff upon request.
- 5. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$56.10 to \$57.06. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price can be furnished to the SEC staff upon request.

- 6. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$57.14 to \$57.33. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price can be furnished to the SEC staff upon request.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Shares held by the James M. Frates Grantor Retained Annuity Trust dated May 29, 2015 (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.
- 9. Shares held by the James M. Frates Grantor Retained Annuity Trust No. 2 dated November 25, 2015 (the "2015 GRAT No. 2"). The Reporting Person is a trustee and beneficiary of the 2015 GRAT No. 2 and may be deemed to hold voting and dispositive power with regard to the reported shares held by the 2015 GRAT No. 2.

10. These options are fully vested in accordance with their terms.

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

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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