

ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 8-K

January 16, 2014

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 13, 2014

ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

000-27756

13-3648318

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(State or other jurisdiction of  
of incorporation or organization)

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(Commission  
File Number)

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(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

352 Knotter Drive, Cheshire, Connecticut 06410

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 272-2596

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  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On January 13, 2014, Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Alexion) and Moderna Therapeutics, Inc. (Moderna) entered into an exclusive strategic arrangement for the discovery and development of messenger RNA Therapeutics™ to treat rare diseases. Pursuant to an Option Agreement, Alexion made an upfront payment to Moderna of \$100 million to purchase 10 product options to develop and commercialize treatments for rare diseases with Moderna's mRNA Therapeutics™ platform. Alexion will lead the discovery, development and commercialization of the treatments produced through the long-term strategic agreement. Moderna will retain responsibility for the design and manufacture of the messenger RNA against selected targets. Following the exercise of an option by Alexion, Moderna will be entitled to drug development and commercial milestone payments, as well as high single to double digit royalties on commercial sales.

In addition, Alexion made a \$25 million preferred equity investment into Moderna LLC.

The foregoing description of the Option Agreement does not purport to be a complete description of the terms and conditions therein and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the agreement that will be filed as an exhibit to Alexion's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ending March 31, 2014. On January 13, 2014, Alexion issued a press release announcing the transaction, and a copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release issued by Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Moderna Therapeutics, Inc. on January 14, 2014.

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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Michael V. Greco

Name: Michael V. Greco

Title: Vice President of Law and Corporate Secretary

Date: January 16, 2014