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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * POPS RICHARD F | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Alkermes plc. [ALKS] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (| | |
| CONNAUGHT HOUSE, 1 BURLINGTON ROAD | (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2016 | _X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Director and CEO, Alkermes plc | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| DUBLIN 4 IRELAND | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tak | ole I - Non- | Derivative | Secu | rities Acquii | ed, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------------|----------------------|--|---|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit onor Dispos (Instr. 3, 4 | ed of | ` ′ | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| Ordinary Shares | 03/15/2016 | | M(1) | 4,810 | A | \$ 20.79 | 581,307 | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | 03/15/2016 | | M <u>(1)</u> | 20,190 | A | \$ 20.79 | 601,497 | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | 03/15/2016 | | S(2) | 25,000 | D | \$ 31.3964 (3) | 576,497 | D | |

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Derivative Expiration Date decurities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of D) Instr. 3, 4, | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.79 | 03/15/2016 | | M <u>(1)</u> | 4,810 | <u>(4)</u> | 05/02/2016 | Ordinary Shares | 4,810 |
| Non Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.79 | 03/15/2016 | | M <u>(1)</u> | 20,190 | <u>(4)</u> | 05/02/2016 | Ordinary Shares | 20,190 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| F | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| POPS RICHARD F CONNAUGHT HOUSE 1 BURLINGTON ROAD DUBLIN 4 IRELAND | X | | Director and CEO, Alkermes plc | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Jennifer Baptiste, attorney-in-fact for Richard F.
Pops 03/16/2016

**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.

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- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$31.09 to \$31.79. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price can be furnished to the SEC staff upon request.
- (4) These options are fully vested in accordance with their terms.

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