

ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 8-K

November 10, 2014

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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): November 10, 2014

ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

000-27756

13-3648318

(State or other jurisdiction of
of incorporation or organization)

(Commission
File Number)

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

352 Knotter Drive, Cheshire, Connecticut 06410

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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(17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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(17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act
(17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

Stephen Squinto, Ph.D., co-founder of Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc., will retire from the company effective January 1, 2015. Dr. Squinto currently serves as Executive Vice President, Chief Global Operations Officer. He co-founded Alexion in 1992 with Leonard Bell, M.D., Alexion's principal founder and current Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Upon Dr. Squinto's retirement from Alexion on January 1, 2015, he will be the Chair of a newly formed Scientific Advisory Board that will provide strategic input into Alexion's discovery science and pipeline.

Upon Dr. Squinto's retirement, as part of Alexion's established succession planning, Ms. Julie O'Neill will succeed Dr. Squinto and be promoted to the position of Executive Vice President, Global Operations, effective January 1, 2015. Ms. O'Neill will report directly to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Leonard Bell. Ms. O'Neill joined Alexion in February 2014 as Senior Vice President, Global Manufacturing Operations, serving simultaneously as Alexion's General Manager for Ireland.

A copy of Alexion's press release announcing Dr. Squinto's retirement and Ms. O'Neill's promotion is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release issued by Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. on November 10, 2014.

Signature

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.

Date: November 10, 2014

ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Michael V. Greco

Name: Michael V. Greco

Title: Vice President of Law and Corporate Secretary