

ALKERMES INC  
Form 8-K  
November 21, 2007

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**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 20, 2007  
ALKERMES, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

**PENNSYLVANIA**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**1-14131**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**23-2472830**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**88 Sidney Street**  
**Cambridge, Massachusetts**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**02139**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(617) 494-0171**

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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**Item 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets**

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On November 21, 2007, Alkermes announced that it will receive up to \$174 million in cash from GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) in connection with GSK's acquisition of Reliant Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ( Reliant ), and that the Company plans to repurchase shares of its common stock. For the sale of its ownership interest in Reliant, Alkermes will receive \$166.3 million upon closing of the acquisition and up to an additional \$7.7 million subject to the terms and conditions of an escrow arrangement that will remain in effect for a 15-month period following the closing of the transaction. The acquisition of Reliant by GSK is subject to U.S. Federal Trade Commission approval and other conditions to closing and is expected to conclude by the end of 2007.

Alkermes plans to repurchase up to \$175 million of its common stock. The Company expects to make repurchases at the discretion of management from time to time in the open market, depending on market conditions, or through privately negotiated transactions. The stock repurchase will be funded through a combination of the proceeds received from the Reliant investment and the Company's current cash.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

| Exhibit No. | Description   |
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| 99.1        | Press release issued by Alkermes, Inc. dated November 21, 2007 announcing proceeds of up to \$174 million from sale of Reliant investment and plans to repurchase shares of its common stock. |

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**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.

**ALKERMES, INC.**

Date: November 21, 2007

By: /s/ James M. Frates  
James M. Frates  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial  
Officer and Treasurer