

MCALEER JEROME F
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MCALEER JEROME F

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 51 SAWYER ROAD, SUITE 200
 (Street)

WALTHAM, MA 02453

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ALERE INC. [ALR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/27/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 VP, Research & Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V | Amount | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 01/27/2011 ⁽¹⁾ | | M | 16,000 | A | \$ 14.92 | 273,114 | D |
| Common Stock | 01/27/2011 ⁽¹⁾ | | M | 16,000 | D | \$ 40 | 257,114 | 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 14.92 | 01/27/2011 ⁽¹⁾ | | M | 16,000 | 11/21/2001 ⁽³⁾ 02/12/2011 | Common Stock | 16,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MCALEER JEROME F 51 SAWYER ROAD, SUITE 200 WALTHAM, MA 02453 | X | | VP, Research & Development | |

Signatures

/s/ Jay McNamara, Attorney in Fact
Date: 01/31/2011

**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) The transactions reported on this Form were made pursuant to a written 10b5-1 trading plan adopted in accordance with SEC Rule 10b5-1. Represents broker-assisted cashless exercise of expiring stock options.
- (2) This derivative security does not have a price.
- (3) This option was acquired through a restructuring transaction undertaken by the Issuer's former parent, Inverness Medical Technology, inc. in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the agreement and plan of split-off merger dated as of May 23, 2001 among Johnson & Johnson, Sunrise Acquisition Corp. and Inverness Medical Technology, Inc.

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