

Leiter Josef  
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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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|                                           |         |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                                                                                                                                                            |                                                      |
| Â Leiter Josef                            |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | ALERE INC. [ALR]                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                      |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                                                                                                                                                              | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| 51 SAWYER ROAD,Â SUITE 200                |         | 12/08/2011                           | (Check all applicable)                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                      |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below)<br>Advisor to CEO |                                                      |
| WALTHAM,Â MAÂ 02453                       |         |                                      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |                                                      |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                      |

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

|                                    |                                                          |                                                                   |                                                          |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

|                                               |                                                             |                                                                                |                                                        |                                                                            |                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|                                               | Date Exercisable    Expiration Date                         | Title    Amount or Number of Shares                                            |                                                        |                                                                            |                                                          |

(Instr. 5)

|                                         |       |            |                 |        |          |   |   |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|------------|-----------------|--------|----------|---|---|
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | Â (1) | 08/31/2021 | Common<br>Stock | 50,000 | \$ 24.97 | D | Â |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|------------|-----------------|--------|----------|---|---|

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |         |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|----------------|
|                                                                  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other          |
| Leiter Josef<br>51 SAWYER ROAD<br>SUITE 200<br>WALTHAM, MA 02453 | Â             | Â         | Â       | Advisor to CEO |

## Signatures

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| /s/ Josef Leiter | 12/08/2011 |
|------------------|------------|

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) These options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 8/31/2012.

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