

Cotton Michael Lester
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

^ Cotton Michael Lester

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3200 WINDY HILL
ROAD,^ SUITE B-100

(Street)

ATLANTA,^ GA^ 30339

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/09/2012

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

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
CEO, Alere Health

6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting
Person
____ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(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
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

Date Expiration
Exercisable Date

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

Title Amount or
Number of
Shares

4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security

5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

(Instr. 5)

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	10/31/2020	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 29.55	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(2)</u>	02/28/2021	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 38.64	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(3)</u>	10/31/2021	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 26.06	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cotton Michael Lester 3200 WINDY HILL ROAD SUITE B-100 ATLANTA, GA 30339	Â	Â	Â CEO, Alere Health	Â

Signatures

/s/ Michael L.
Cotton

01/18/2012

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 4 equal annual installments beginning 10/31/2011.
- (2) These options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning 2/28/2012.
- (3) These options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning 10/31/2012.

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