

ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 16, 2010

**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): April 16, 2010**

**ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of**  
**incorporation or organization)**

**000-27756**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**13-3648318**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

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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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On April 16, 2010, Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc., together with its subsidiary Alexion Pharma International Sàrl, issued a press release announcing that Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare approved Alexion's New Drug Application for the use of Soliris® (eculizumab) as a treatment for patients in Japan with paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release issued by Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Alexion Pharma International Sàrl on April 16, 2010 relating to the approval in Japan of Soliris for the treatment of paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria.

**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.

ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Date: April 16, 2010

By: /s/ Thomas I. H. Dubin

Name: Thomas I. H. Dubin

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer