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July 16, 2014

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): July 16, 2014

ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 000-27756 13-3648318 ----------(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation or organization) Identification No.) File Number)

352 Knotter Drive, Cheshire, Connecticut 06410

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 272-2596

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers. On July 16, 2014, the Board of Directors of Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. increased the number of directors from 8 to 11 and appointed David R. Brennan, M. Michele Burns and Christopher J. Coughlin to Alexion's Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Mr. Brennan is expected to join the Compensation, Pharmaceutical Compliance and Quality, and Risk and Strategy Committees. Ms. Burns is expected to join the Compensation, Nominating and Corporate Governance, and Risk and Strategy Committees, serving as Chair of the Risk and Strategy Committee. Mr. Coughlin is expected to join the Audit, Nominating and Corporate Governance, and Pharmaceutical Compliance and Quality Committees. There are no transactions and no proposed transactions between each of Mr. Brennan, Ms. Burns or Mr. Coughlin (or any member of such individual's immediate family) and Alexion (or any of its subsidiaries), and there is no arrangement or understanding between each of Mr. Brennan, Ms. Burns or Mr. Coughlin and any other person or entity pursuant to which such individual was appointed as a director of Alexion.

Each director will participate in Alexion's standard compensation plan for non-employee directors.

A copy of Alexion's press release announcing the appointments is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press Release issued by Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. on July 16, 2014.

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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.

Date: July 16, 2014 ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Michael V. Greco Name: Michael V. Greco

Title: Vice President of Law and Corporate Secretary