



If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. "

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 8, 2018, Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. issued a press release relating to its results of operations and financial condition for the quarter and year ended ended December 31, 2017. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

The attached press release contains both U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, or GAAP, and non-GAAP financial measures. The non-GAAP financial measures exclude the impact of share-based compensation expense, fair value adjustment of inventory acquired, amortization of purchased intangible assets, changes in fair value of contingent consideration, acquisition-related costs, restructuring and related expenses, upfront and milestone payments related to licenses and collaborations, impairment of intangible assets, and adjustments to income tax expense. Reconciliations between non-GAAP and GAAP financial measures are included in the press release set forth as Exhibit 99.1 furnished to this Form 8-K. Alexion's management utilizes non-GAAP financial information to provide a useful measure of comparative operating performance of Alexion. The non-GAAP financial measures are supplemental to and not a substitute for, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release issued by Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. on February 8, 2018 relating to its results of operations and financial condition for the quarter and year ended ended December 31, 2017.

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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: February 8, 2018 ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Michael V. Greco

Name: Michael V. Greco

Title: Senior Vice President of Law and Corporate Secretary