

Walton David  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
WALTON DAVID		(Month/Day/Year)	ALERE INC. [ALR]	
(Last)	(First)	02/10/2012		
51 SAWYER ROAD, SUITE 200			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
WALTHAM, MA 02453			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			President, Asia-Pacific	<input type="checkbox"/> 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)
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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)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	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)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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(Instr. 5)

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/04/2010	10/04/2016	Common Stock	14,000	\$ 34.4	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/28/2011	02/28/2017	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 42.26	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	08/31/2011	08/31/2017	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 48.14	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	06/30/2019	Common Stock	8,645	\$ 35.58	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(2)</u>	02/28/2021	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 38.64	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(3)</u>	10/31/2021	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 26.06	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Walton David 51 SAWYER ROAD SUITE 200 WALTHAM, MA 02453	Â	Â	Â President, Asia-Pacific	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Katie Garrett, Attorney  
in Fact 02/21/2012

\*\*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 four equal annual installments beginning 6/30/2010.
- (2) These options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 2/28/2012.
- (3) These options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 10/31/2012.

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