

ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 23, 2008

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE**  
**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 23, 2008**

**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)  
**352 Knotter Drive, Cheshire, Connecticut 06410**

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

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On October 23, 2008, Alexion issued a press release relating to its results of operations and financial conditions for the quarter ended September 30, 2008. 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 ( GAAP ) and non-GAAP financial measures. The non-GAAP financial measures exclude share-based compensation expenses. 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. The Company s management utilizes non-GAAP financial information to provide a useful measure of comparative operating performance of the Company. 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 October 23, 2008 relating to its results of operations and financial conditions for the quarter ended September 30, 2008.

**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: October 23, 2008

By: /s/ Thomas I. H. Dubin

Name: Thomas I. H. Dubin

Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel