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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ALERE INC. [ALR] Post Jim (Month/Day/Year) 02/10/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 51 SAWYER ROAD, SUITE (Check all applicable) 200 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting President, Alere NA Person WALTHAM, MAÂ 02453 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 840 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
		Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/29/2007	01/15/2013	Common Stock	1,789	\$ 21.92	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/29/2007	01/14/2015	Common Stock	1,433	\$ 34.32	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/29/2007	04/13/2016	Common Stock	4,478	\$ 28.08	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	02/28/2018	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 29.15	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	06/30/2018	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 33.17	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	06/30/2019	Common Stock	3,500	\$ 35.58	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	02/28/2020	Common stock	5,000	\$ 39.02	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(5)	08/31/2020	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 27.97	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(6)	12/31/2020	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 36.6	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(7)	10/31/2021	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 26.06	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Post Jim					
51 SAWYER ROAD	â	Â	President, Alere NA	Â	
SUITE 200	A	А	A Fiesluelli, Aleie NA	A	
WALTHAM, MA 02453					

Signatures

/s/ Katie Garrett,
Attorney-in-Fact

**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 2/28/2009.
- (2) These options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 6/30/2009.

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- (3) These options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 6/30/2010.
- (4) These options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 2/28/2011.
- (5) These options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 8/31/2011.
- (6) These options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 12/31/2011.
- (7) These options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 10/31/2012.

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