ALKERMES INC

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** FRATES JAMES M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALKERMES INC [ALKS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Choose an approacto)			
88 SIDNEY STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2008	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, CFO & Treasurer			
(Street) CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)				

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit n(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/19/2008		G	4,000	D	\$ 9.83	83,813	D	
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Title		8. Price of	9. Nu
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					4, and 5)						
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						Excicisable			of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

FRATES JAMES M 88 SIDNEY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

SVP, CFO & Treasurer

Signatures

Jennifer Baptiste, Attorney-in-Fact for James M. 12/23/2008 Frates

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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