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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Cotton Michael Lester

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

ALERE INC. [ALR] (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

3200 WINDY HILL ROAD, SUITE

(Street)

(First)

02/29/2012

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title below) CEO, Alere Health

B-100

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

ATLANTA, GA 30339

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 8)

Reported Transaction(s)

Following

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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1. Title of Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.43	02/29/2012		M		35,000		<u>(1)</u>	02/28/2022	Common Stock	35,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cotton Michael Lester 3200 WINDY HILL ROAD SUITE B-100 ATLANTA, GA 30339

CEO, Alere Health

Signatures

/s/ Michael L.

Cotton 03/01/2012

**Signature of Pate Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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 2/28/2013 through 2/29/2016.
- (2) This derivative security does not have a price.

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