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# FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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Form 3 Holdings Reported Form 4 Transactions Reported

**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

|   |         |          |  |   |
|---|---------|----------|--|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol                  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |
| Post Jim                                  |         |          | ALERE INC. [ALR]   |   |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) | (Check all applicable)  |
|   |         |          | 12/31/2012   | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |
| 51 SAWYER ROAD, SUITE 200                 |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)         | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)  |
|   |         | (Street) |  |   |
| WALTHAM, MA 02453                         |         |          |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person                                       |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)    |  |   |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2012                           |  | J(1)                           | 573 A   | \$ 15.725  | 1,075 D  |                                   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |         |                       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                 |
| Post Jim<br>51 SAWYER ROAD<br>SUITE 200<br>WALTHAM, MA 02453 | ^             | ^         | ^       | President, Alere NA ^ |

## Signatures

/s/ Jay McNamara, attorney-in-fact 02/14/2013

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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 securities were acquired under the Alere Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan. These transactions, which are exempt from Section 16(b) by virtue of Rule 16-3(c), are being voluntarily reported.

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