UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) March 14, 2005

ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

 $(Exact\ name\ of\ registrant\ as\ specified\ in\ its\ charter)$

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

0-27756 (Commission File Number) 13-3648318 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

352 Knotter Drive, Cheshire, CT (Address of principal executive offices)

06410 (Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item	5.02 D	eparture of	Directors	or Principa	l Officers:	Election	of Directors;	Ap	pointment	of Princi	oal Officers.

(b) Resignation of Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

On March 14, 2005, Carsten Boess, Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. s Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, informed the Company of his intention to resign effective April 1, 2005. A copy of the press release announcing the resignation of Mr. Boess is attached to this current report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On March 15, 2005, Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. completed the redemption of all of its outstanding 5 3/4% Convertible Subordinated Notes Due 2007. The redemption was previously announced on January 25, 2005 (see the Press Release filed on Form 8-K on January 25, 2005), and was further discussed in the Company s Form 10-Q filed on March 8, 2005. Alexion will report a one-time loss on early extinguishment of debt of approximately \$3.3 million resulting from the redemption.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number	Description						
00 1	Press Release dated March 16, 2005						

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SIGNATURES

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: March 16, 2005 By: /s/ Thomas I. H. Dubin

Name: Thomas I. H. Dubin Title: Vice President and

General Counsel