

Alkermes plc.
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January 27, 2012

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): **January 27, 2012**

ALKERMES PLC

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ireland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-35299
(Commission
File Number)

98-1007018
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

Treasury Building, Lower Grand Canal Street
Dublin 2, Ireland
(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code): **+353-1-709-4000**

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On January 27, 2012, Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Amylin) and Alkermes plc (Alkermes) announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved BYDUREON (exenatide extended-release for injectable suspension) the first once-weekly treatment for type 2 diabetes. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. This information, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release issued by Amylin and Alkermes dated January 27, 2012, announcing the approval of BYDUREON by the FDA.

SIGNATURE

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.

ALKERMES PLC

Date: January 27, 2012

By:

/s/ James M. Frates
James M. Frates
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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