

ALERE INC.  
Form 8-K  
September 29, 2011

**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): September 27, 2011  
ALERE INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**Delaware**

**1-16789**

**04-3565120**

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**51 Sawyer Road, Suite 200, Waltham, Massachusetts 02453**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(781) 647-3900**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - 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 September 27, 2011, Alere Inc. and Quidel Corporation amended the terms of the agreement pursuant to which Alere licenses its lateral flow patents to Quidel primarily in order to modify the royalty payable by Quidel thereunder. In consideration of a one-time payment of \$13.8 million payable by Quidel on or before October 2, 2011, Alere and Quidel agreed to reduce the royalty rate payable under the license from 8.5% to 4.25% for the period beginning July 1, 2011 and ending with the expiration of the last patent to expire of the Alere portfolio of lateral flow patents. Also, during January 2012, at the option of either Quidel or Alere, the remaining royalty obligation under the license may be converted to a fully paid up license effective January 1, 2012, in consideration of a payment of \$15.7 million less royalties paid at the reduced rate of 4.25% for the period July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

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**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.

ALERE INC.

Date: September 28, 2011

By: /s/ Jay McNamara  
Jay McNamara  
Senior Counsel, Corporate & Finance