

PETER LADELL W
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PETER LADELL W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ALPHARMA INC., 440
ROUTE 22 EAST

(Street)

BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALPHARMA INC [ALO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/29/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Stock	12/29/2008		D	3,000	D	0	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	12/29/2008		D	10,201	(3) (3)	Class A Common Stock	10,201

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PETER LADELL W C/O ALPHARMA INC. 440 ROUTE 22 EAST BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807		X		

Signatures

/s/ Karen M. Sheehan, signing pursuant to Power of Attorney granted by Peter W. Ladell

12/31/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Canceled pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated November 23, 2008, among Alpharma Inc., King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Albert Acquisition Corp. (the "Merger Agreement"), in exchange for the right to receive cash payment of \$37.00 per share, without interest and subject to any required withholding of taxes, at the effective time of the merger.

(2) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock of Alpharma Inc.

(3) The RSUs, which provided for vesting immediately upon retirement from the board of directors of Alpharma Inc., and for other events in accordance with the terms and conditions of the restricted stock unit award agreement, whether or not vested, were fully vested and canceled pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for the right to receive cash payment for each RSU of \$37.00, without interest and subject to any required withholding of taxes, at the effective time of the merger.

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