

ALERE INC.  
Form 8-K  
July 20, 2010

**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): July 14, 2010**

**Alere Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

**001-16789**

**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)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(781) 647-3900**

**Not Applicable**

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

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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors;  
Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of  
Certain Officers.**

(e) On July 14, 2010, the stockholders of Alere Inc. (the Company) approved the adoption of the Company's 2010 Stock Option and Incentive Plan (the Plan). The Plan authorizes the Company to issue shares of common stock of the Company pursuant to various stock incentive awards. The total number of shares of common stock issuable pursuant to the Plan is equal to 1,000,000 plus an additional number of shares equal to the number of shares remaining available for new grants or awards under the Company's 2001 Stock Option and Incentive Plan, as amended, on July 14, 2010. The Company currently estimates that an aggregate of approximately 1.7 million shares of common stock will be issuable pursuant to the Plan. The Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer and its other named executive officers, along with the Company's other officers, employees, directors, consultants and other key persons are eligible to participate in the Plan.

The Plan was previously approved by the Company's board of directors, subject to stockholder approval. A summary of the Plan is included in the Company's definitive proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 4, 2010 under the heading "Proposal 3 Approval of the Inverness Medical Innovations, Inc. 2010 Stock Option and Incentive Plan," and is incorporated herein by reference.

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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.

**ALERE INC.**

By: /s/ Jay McNamara

Jay McNamara

Senior Counsel    Corporate & Finance

Date: July 20, 2010