

ALERE INC.  
Form 8-K  
March 14, 2011

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 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, 2011  
ALERE INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its 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, including 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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During the first quarter of 2011, Alere Inc. purchased, through a series of transactions, approximately \$50.0 million of its equity securities pursuant to the authorization of its Board of Directors that was publicly announced on December 9, 2010. Alere purchased 183,000 shares of its Series B Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock, or the Series B Stock, for a total cost of \$49.4 million and 16,700 shares of its Common Stock for a total cost of \$0.6 million. The 183,000 shares of Series B Stock purchased were convertible into an aggregate of 1.056 million shares of Common Stock and had an aggregate liquidation preference of \$73.2 million. Alere estimates that, based on the timing of the purchases of these shares of Series B Stock and Common Stock, the purchases will collectively reduce Alere's diluted weighted average shares outstanding for the first quarter of 2011 by approximately 750,000 shares.

**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: March 14, 2011