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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

(City)

(State)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AKORN INC [AKN] Alam Abu S (Month/Day/Year) 10/18/2004 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 2500 MILLBROOK DRIVE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) **BUFFALO** Form filed by More than One Sr VP, New Business GROVE, ILÂ 60089 Reporting Person Developmen

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common Stock 28,966 D Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Zip)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	ve 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
					Security	Direct (D)	
						or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Series A Preferred Stock	(1)	10/31/2011	Common Stock	35,356 <u>(2)</u>	\$ 0.75	D	Â
Series A Warrants	(1)	10/31/2011	Common Stock	8,333	\$ 1	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	02/10/2000(3)	02/10/2005	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 6.25	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	02/01/2001(3)	02/01/2006	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 5.313	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	11/16/2001(4)	05/16/2006	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 1.74	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	02/19/2002(3)	02/19/2007	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 3.54	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	02/19/2003(3)	02/19/2008	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 0.9	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	04/19/2004(3)	04/19/2009	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 3.45	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	10/18/2004(3)	10/18/2009	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 3.8	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
• 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Alam Abu S 2500 MILLBROOK DRIVE BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089	Â	Â	Sr VP, New Business Developmen	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Abu S Alam 05/17/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Immediately
- (2) Includes accrued dividends through 9-30-2004 resulting from existing Series A, 6% Participating Convertible Preferred Stock ownership.
- (3) Options vest 25% immediately upon grant and 25% on each of the next three anniversary dates of the initial grant.
- (4) Options vest 50% after 6 months and become fully vested on the first anniversary date of the intial grant.

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