

Covidien plc
Form 8-K
August 11, 2011

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 11, 2011

COVIDIEN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Ireland
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

001-33259
(Commission

File Number)

98-0624794
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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20 On Hatch, Lower Hatch Street

Dublin 2, Ireland

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

+353 1 438-1700

(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))

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 11, 2011, Covidien plc issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors had authorized a program to purchase up to \$2 billion of the company's ordinary shares from time to time, based on market conditions.

A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated August 11, 2011.

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.

COVIDIEN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

By: /s/ John W. Kapples
John W. Kapples
Vice President and Corporate Secretary

Date: August 11, 2011

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Name
99.1	Press Release dated August 11, 2011.