Covidien plc Form 8-K January 25, 2013

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): January 25, 2013

COVIDIEN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Ireland 001-33259
(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission of Incorporation) File Number)
20 On Hatch, Lower Hatch Street
Dublin 2, Ireland

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

98-0624794 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

+353 (1) 438-1700 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 25, 2013, Covidien plc (the "Company") issued a press release announcing financial results for the first quarter ended December 28, 2012. 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 January 25, 2013

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/ Richard G. Brown, Jr.

Richard G. Brown, Jr.

Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and

Corporate Controller

Date: January 25, 2013

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Exhibit Name

99.1 Press Release dated January 25, 2013