

Covidien plc  
Form 8-K  
March 29, 2013

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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FORM 8-K

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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): March 29, 2013

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COVIDIEN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| Ireland<br>(State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation)<br>20 On Hatch, Lower Hatch Street<br>Dublin 2, Ireland<br>(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)<br>+353 (1) 438-1700<br>(Registrant's telephone number, including area code) | 001-33259<br>(Commission<br>File Number) | 98-0624794<br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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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 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 29, 2013, Covidien plc (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that it has won a patent infringement suit. 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 March 29, 2013

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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.

COVIDIEN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

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

Date: March 29, 2013

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Exhibit Name

99.1 Press Release dated March 29, 2013