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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 and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 6, 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)

+353 (1) 438-1700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On May 6, 2013, John M. Connors, Jr. notified the Company of his intention to retire from the Company's Board of Directors on September 27, 2013, the end of the Company's fiscal year. This decision is not the result of any disagreement between Mr. Connors and the Company or its management. The Company and the Board expressed their appreciation for Mr. Connors' service to the Board and the Company.

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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: May 10, 2013