

Covidien plc
Form 8-K
November 12, 2010

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): November 11, 2010

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)

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

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

On November 11, 2010, Timothy R. Wright resigned from his position as Senior Vice President and President of our Pharmaceuticals segment, effective as of December 2, 2010. In addition to continuing in his position as the Chief Financial Officer of the Pharmaceuticals segment, Matthew Harbaugh will serve as interim President of the Pharmaceuticals segment until a successor to Mr. Wright is named.

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 PLC

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

Date: November 12, 2010