

Covidien plc  
Form 8-K  
January 26, 2012

**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 26, 2012

**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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 26, 2012, Covidien plc (the Company ) issued a press release announcing financial results for the first quarter ended December 30, 2011. 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 26, 2012

**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 26, 2012

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Exhibit Name</b>
99.1	<b>Press Release dated January 26, 2012</b>