

Covidien plc  
Form 8-K  
December 17, 2009

**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): December 17, 2009**

**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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**Cherrywood Business Park**

**Block G, First Floor**

**Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin, Ireland**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)**

**+353 (1) 439-3000**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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- ..  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 December 17, 2009, Covidien plc (the Company) issued a press release announcing entry into a definitive agreement to sell its radiopharmacies in the United States to Triad Isotopes, Inc. of Orlando, Florida. Triad operates a network of 26 nuclear radiopharmacies and six cyclotron facilities in the southeast United States. Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Completion of the transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, as well as receipt by Triad of necessary state and federal licenses and Triad's ability to secure financing for the transaction, with closing expected during the second calendar quarter of 2010. The transaction is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's operating income or earnings per share for fiscal 2010 or 2011.

A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

*(d) Exhibits*

99.1 Press Release dated December 17, 2009

**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 Secretary**

Date: December 17, 2009

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Exhibit Name</b>
<b>99.1</b>	<b>Press Release dated December 17, 2009</b>