Covidien Ltd. Form 8-K May 16, 2008

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 16, 2008

COVIDIEN LTD.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Bermuda (Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-33259 (Commission File Number) 131 Front Street

98-0518045 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Hamilton, HM 12 Bermuda

 $(Address\ of\ Principal\ Executive\ Offices,\ including\ Zip\ Code)$

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(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))

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On May 16, 2008, Covidien Ltd. (the Company) and Covidien International Finance S.A. (CIFSA) issued a press release announcing that they have commenced a registered exchange offer for CIFSA s \$250,000,000 5.150% Senior Notes due 2010, \$500,000,000 5.450% Senior Notes due 2012, \$1,150,000,000 6.000% Senior Notes due 2017 and \$850,000,000 6.550% Senior Notes due 2037. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated May 16, 2008

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 LTD.

By: /s/ John W. Kapples John W. Kapples,

Vice President and Secretary

Date: May 16, 2008

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Exhibit Name

99.1 Press Release dated May 16, 2008