

Covidien plc
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January 25, 2010

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

(Rule 14a-101)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)

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Definitive Proxy Statement

Definitive Additional Materials

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COVIDIEN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND
IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS**

COVIDIEN PLC

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual

For holders as of: January 13, 2010

Date: March 16, 2010 **Time:** 11:00 a.m. Local Time

Location: The Conrad Dublin Hotel

Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, Ireland

C/O COVIDIEN PLC

CORPORATE SECRETARY

CHERRYWOOD BUSINESS PARK

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LOUGHLINSTOWN

CO. DUBLIN, IRELAND

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

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Before You Vote

How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT/ANNUAL REPORT, INCLUDING 10-K AND RESOLUTIONS

IRISH STATUTORY ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING RELATED REPORTS

How to View Online:

Have the 12-Digit Control Number available (located on the following page) and visit: www.proxyvote.com.

How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

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- 1) *BY INTERNET*: www.proxyvote.com
- 2) *BY TELEPHONE*: 1-800-579-1639
- 3) *BY E-MAIL**: sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before March 2, 2010 to facilitate timely delivery.

How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: You may attend the meeting in person or appoint a proxy to attend, speak and vote at the meeting on your behalf. This proxy does not have to be a shareholder. Please check the meeting materials for additional information regarding requirements relating to meeting attendance, voting in person and appointing a proxy other than the designated officers of the Company.

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Vote By Internet: To vote now by Internet, go to www.proxyvote.com. Have the 12 Digit Control Number available and follow the instructions.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

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Voting items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals:

1. To receive and consider the Company's Irish Statutory Accounts and the reports of the Directors and auditors thereon.
2. To elect Directors
Nominees:
 - 2a) Craig Arnold
 - 2b) Robert H. Brust
 - 2c) John M. Connors, Jr.
 - 2d) Christopher J. Coughlin
 - 2e) Timothy M. Donahue
 - 2f) Kathy J. Herbert
 - 2g) Randall J. Hogan, III
 - 2h) Richard J. Meelia
 - 2i) Dennis H. Reilley
 - 2j) Tadataka Yamada
 - 2k) Joseph A. Zaccagnino
3. To appoint Independent Auditors and authorize the Audit Committee to set the auditors' remuneration.
4. To authorize the Company and/or any subsidiary of the Company to make market purchases of Company shares.
5. To authorize the reissue price range of treasury shares. (Special Resolution)

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