

Covidien Ltd.
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

(Rule 14a-101)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. __)

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Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Shareholder Meeting to be held on 03/18/09

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above company, and the materials you should review before you cast your vote are now available.

Proxy Materials Available

Notice and Proxy Statement/Annual Report

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

PROXY MATERIALS - VIEW OR RECEIVE

You can choose to view the materials online or receive a paper or e-mail copy. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Requests, instructions and other inquiries will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor.

To facilitate timely delivery please make the request as instructed below on or before 03/04/09.

HOW TO VIEW MATERIALS VIA THE INTERNET

Have the 12 Digit Control Number available and visit:
www.proxyvote.com

HOW TO REQUEST A COPY OF MATERIALS

1) BY INTERNET - www.proxyvote.com

2) BY TELEPHONE - 1-800-579-1639

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Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual
Meeting Date:
Meeting Time: 03/18/09
For holders as of:
9:00 a.m., local time
01/06/09

Meeting Location:

The Conrad Dublin Hotel
Earlsfort Terrace

Dublin 2, Ireland

For directions to the Annual Shareholder Meeting, please contact The Conrad Dublin Hotel at +353-1-602-8900.

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How To Vote

Vote In Person

Should you choose to vote these shares in person at the meeting you must request a legal proxy. To request a legal proxy please follow the instructions at www.proxyvote.com or request a paper copy of the materials. Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

Vote By Internet

To vote *now* by Internet, go to WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM. Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your notice in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions.

Voting items

The Board of Directors recommends a vote
FOR the nominees listed under Item 1.

Item 1 - Election of Directors

NOMINEES:

- 1a. Craig Arnold
- 1b. Robert H. Brust
- 1c. John M. Connors, Jr.
- 1d. Christopher J. Coughlin
- 1e. Timothy M. Donahue

1h. Richard J. Meelia

1i. Dennis H. Reilley

1j. Tadataka Yamada

1k. Joseph A. Zaccagnino

The Board of Directors recommends a vote
FOR Item 2.

Item 2 - Approve amended and restated 2007 Stock and Incentive Plan.

- 1f. Kathy J. Herbert
- 1g. Randall J. Hogan, III

The Board of Directors recommends a vote
FOR Item 3.

Item 3 - Appointment of Independent Auditors and authorization of the Audit Committee to set the auditors remuneration

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Voting Instructions

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