

**Medtronic – Covidien Acquisition
Investor Call Script
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Jeff Warren

Thank you, Evelyn. Good morning. During the next hour, Omar Ishrak, Medtronic Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Joe Almeida, Covidien Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Gary Ellis, Medtronic Chief Financial Officer, will provide comments on the agreement reached for Medtronic to acquire Covidien. After our prepared remarks, we will be happy to take your questions.

First, a few logistical comments: yesterday evening we issued a press release and earlier this morning posted a slide presentation, both which can be accessed on the Investor portion of our website at Medtronic.com. This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or solicitation of any vote or approval. In connection with the proposed transaction, Medtronic plc, a newly created Irish holding company will file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 that will include a preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed transaction. After the registration statement has been declared effective by the SEC, the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus will be mailed to Medtronic shareholders and Covidien shareholders.

You should review materials filed with the SEC carefully as they will include important information regarding the proposed transaction including information about Medtronic and Covidien, the respective directors, executive officers and certain other members of management and employees who may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in favor of the proposed transaction. Please also review page one of the slide presentation for additional information on forward-looking statements and other important information including where you can find more information on the proposed transaction and on the directors and executive officers of Medtronic and Covidien. With that, I am now pleased to turn the call over to Medtronic Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Omar Ishrak.

Omar Ishrak

Good morning and thank you, Jeff, and thank you to everyone for joining us today.

Earlier this morning and actually, it was yesterday evening, we announced that we have reached an agreement with Covidien, under which Medtronic will acquire Covidien in a cash and stock transaction valued at \$42.9 billion.

This is a highly strategic and compelling acquisition, fully aligned with our Mission of alleviating pain, restoring health, and extending life for patients around the world. It accelerates all three of our growth strategies – Therapy Innovation, Globalization, and Economic Value – and bolsters the long-term sustainability and consistency of our mid-single digit revenue growth expectations. This acquisition is extremely attractive financially, with a double-digit hurdle rate and achievable cost synergies that are expected to make the transaction accretive in the first year on a cash basis and within two years on a GAAP basis. Finally, the combined company should generate significant free cash flow, which can be deployed with much greater flexibility.

I am extremely impressed by the Covidien team, the company that they have built, and the product pipeline that they have developed. I am confident that together, we can have an even

more positive impact, both on patients and on the overall healthcare system. Before going into any more detail, however, let me now invite Joe Almeida to say a few words from Covidien's perspective.

Joe Almeida

Thank you, Omar.

I want to echo Omar's enthusiasm for this combination, which I am confident will provide significant benefits and value for customers, patients, employees, and Covidien shareholders. For Covidien shareholders, the transaction provides immediate value as well as the continued participation in the upside potential of the combined organization. Upon completion of the transaction, Covidien shareholders will own 30 percent of the combined company.

We believe Medtronic is the right partner for Covidien – and our approach to our business closely matches Medtronic's areas of focus: innovation, globalization, and participating in the new value-based healthcare landscape.

Like Medtronic, Covidien is focused on delivering unmatched value to our customers by providing innovative solutions that improve patient outcomes, lower the cost of healthcare delivery and expand global access to care. We have five key initiatives to achieve this vision: broadening our innovation focus, executing on customer-focused portfolio investments, capitalizing on emerging market opportunities, driving operational leverage and developing talent. Naturally, we have robust programs tied to these initiatives and by closely adhering to our focus, Covidien has made tremendous progress in our industry. We now hold the #1 or #2 position in virtually every category that we serve.

By joining our portfolio with Medtronic's highly complementary offering, the combined company – throughout developed and emerging markets – will be able to address device needs across nearly every device segment and will provide patients, physicians, and hospitals with a compelling portfolio of offerings that will help improve care and surgical performance.

The combination of Covidien with Medtronic marks the next chapter in our journey and represents a terrific opportunity to accelerate our long-term goal of treating more patients throughout the world.

I am very pleased that Medtronic is as excited about our new product portfolio as we are. We believe the clinical, regulatory, and market development expertise from this combined organization will be able to bring important new products to market faster and allow us to have an even more significant impact on patients' lives.

I also want to express my deep appreciation to Covidien's more than 38,000 hard-working, talented, and dedicated employees around the world. We believe Covidien's employees will benefit from being part of the combined company with the depth of resources and shared commitment to delivering innovative healthcare solutions that improve patient outcomes.

We look forward to working closely with the Medtronic team over the coming months to help plan the integration and ensure a seamless transition.

With that, I will turn the call back over to Omar.

Omar Ishrak

Thanks, Joe. You can see that Medtronic and Covidien's philosophies for growth have been quite similar: increasing innovation, globalizing our companies, and participating in the new value-based healthcare landscape. While our strengths, capabilities, and approaches are somewhat different, they are, in fact, highly complementary. Combined, we can accelerate our common goal of addressing the universal healthcare needs: improving clinical outcomes, expanding access, and optimizing cost and efficiency, thereby improving healthcare systems around the world.

Let me now cover how this transaction accelerates Medtronic's three growth strategies. Starting with Therapy Innovation, Covidien's impressive array of industry-leading products enhances our existing portfolio, offers greater breadth across clinical areas, and creates exciting entry points into new therapies. Specifically, Covidien's Peripheral Vascular business complements our Peripheral business and will give us a broader footprint that will help accelerate adoption of our drug-coated balloon product. Covidien's leading Neurovascular technologies will become a critical element of our fast-developing Neuroscience strategy within our Restorative Therapies group. Our collective portfolio of industry-leading and innovative technologies for both open and minimally-invasive procedures will give us an unprecedented platform across a wide range of surgical specialties. This ranges from advanced laparoscopic bariatric surgery to ENT surgery, employing advanced navigation and nerve monitoring. Finally, Covidien's pipeline has a number of promising, early stage diagnostics and therapies, including technologies addressing lung cancer, gastro-esophageal reflux disease, and early stage esophageal cancer. We believe Medtronic's deep clinical, regulatory, reimbursement, and market development expertise will help accelerate both their introduction, as well as their rapid adoption, in markets around the world.

Our Globalization strategy will also benefit from the power of our combined companies. From a financial perspective, we will now have a \$3.8 billion emerging markets business that we are confident can sustain double-digit growth over an extended period of time. Covidien has extensive emerging market R&D and manufacturing, while Medtronic has well-established clinical expertise. These capabilities, applied across a much broader product offering, will significantly increase the number of attractive solutions that we can offer to governments and major providers. This can result in more guaranteed, long-term contracts of the nature that we have been discussing.

Finally, this transaction enhances Medtronic's ability to deliver economic value to a broader range of stakeholders. The value proposition of Covidien's technologies primarily deliver hospital efficiency, while the value of Medtronic's chronic disease therapies are generally realized in post-acute settings. When combined, these complementary solutions will create a robust and unmatched Integrated Health franchise.

Our two organizations have a common philosophy around value-based healthcare, which we will continue to build upon as we transform our innovation and go-to-market processes. We feel that our industry-leading products, clinical and economic expertise, global footprint, and financial strength will position us to be the preferred partner for physicians, hospital systems, patients, payers, and governments around the world.

This transaction is also extremely favorable from a cost synergy, earnings accretion, and cash flow accessibility perspective. While Gary will cover the details in a minute, I would like to note that the identified pre-tax cost synergies of at least \$850 million are quickly achievable and

should deliver immediate and increasing earnings accretion. From a cash perspective, I am excited about the increased flexibility we will have to deploy our strong free cash flow going forward. While the transaction continues to make us more of a global company, it also gives us the capacity to both return additional capital to our shareholders and to invest much more aggressively in U.S. innovation to drive long-term growth.

Under the financial structure of this acquisition, Medtronic will have access to the current and future cash flows from the legacy Covidien entities. These cash flows can be used to invest in U.S. healthcare technologies, as well as to enhance returns to shareholders. In fact, we are committed to investing an incremental \$10 billion in U.S. technology over the next decade, which will result in global growth and increased U.S. exports. This is good for American jobs, helps preserve U.S. global leadership in medical technology innovation, and ultimately will lead to better healthcare systems, both in the U.S. and around the world.

I would now like to turn the call over to Gary, who will walk through the transaction and financial implications in more detail. Gary?

Gary Ellis

Thanks, Omar. First, I'll provide a high level summary of the transaction terms and structure and then I'll walk you through some of the other key financial details.

As Omar mentioned, the overall transaction is valued at \$42.9 billion, which consists of per share consideration for Covidien shareholders of \$35.19 in cash along with 0.956 shares of Medtronic stock. Medtronic is also assuming approximately \$5 billion of Covidien debt. The offer represents a 29 percent premium. It's important to point out that although the structure of the transaction includes the formation of a newly domiciled Irish entity, the main U.S. operations of both companies will remain intact, and Medtronic's current headquarter operations remain in Minnesota. It should also be noted that the completion of this transaction will be a taxable event, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, for both Covidien and Medtronic shareholders.

In addition to this transaction being highly strategic on many different levels, it is also very compelling financially. On the top line, the combination creates opportunities for significant revenue synergies and will provide a much stronger and more diversified platform for long term growth. We also expect to deliver pre-tax operational synergies of at least \$850 million by FY18. These cost synergies will be generated primarily from back office optimization, manufacturing and supply chain infrastructure, and certain G&A savings, such as eliminating redundant public company costs. The realization of these synergies is fairly straight forward and we are committed to achieving them while minimizing any disruptive impact to the Covidien organization. On the bottom line, this transaction is very attractive. We expect it to be EPS accretive in FY16 on a cash basis and significantly accretive thereafter. On a GAAP basis, this transaction will be EPS accretive by FY18.

Looking beyond the P&L, the combination will result in a much stronger company financially that will be generating significant free cash flow. More importantly, we will be able to deploy the company's cash flow with greater strategic flexibility, particularly in the U.S. With that in mind, we are committed to investing an incremental \$10 billion in U.S. technology over the next decade. We are also maintaining our longstanding commitment to return 50 percent of our free cash flow to shareholders, recognizing that we will have more flexibility going forward.

In terms of timing, while we can't predict the exact timing of the various global regulatory approvals necessary to consummate the transaction, we currently estimate closing will take place in late calendar 2014, possibly early 2015. In the interim, we are reiterating our FY15 EPS guidance that we provided on our Q4 earnings last month of \$4.00 to \$4.10. We would expect to provide updated guidance upon the closing of the transaction.

I will now turn the call back over to Omar who will conclude our prepared remarks. Omar?

Omar Ishrak

Thanks, Gary. Before opening the lines for Q&A, I would like to mention that we understand that the ultimate success of this transaction will depend on our ability to execute our integration plan. We will have an integration leader at the senior vice president level reporting directly to me. The integration office will be fully staffed with a dedicated team of Covidien and Medtronic leaders, accountable for the delivery of cost synergies and to fully identify and operationalize all future growth and productivity opportunities. This team will be assembled immediately, and will be preparing detailed plans to be implemented upon closing.

To conclude, Medtronic and Covidien's combined size and breadth, across a more diversified customer base, presents an even stronger value proposition for Medtronic's key stakeholders, and this will be an increasing advantage in the transforming healthcare environment. Ultimately, this combination merges two world-class healthcare companies under our Medtronic Mission: to alleviate pain, restore health, and extend life for patients around the world.

With that, we will now open the phone lines for Q&A. Joe, Gary, and myself, are here to take your questions. In order to get to as many questions as possible, please limit yourself to only one question and only one follow-up. If you have additional questions, please contact the Medtronic Investor Relations team after the call. Operator, first question please.

Following Q&A:

Omar Ishrak

OK. Thanks for your questions. Before concluding, I would just like to say one more time, that this is a highly strategic and compelling acquisition. With the addition of Covidien, Medtronic is in an unprecedented position to be the leading medical technology solutions partner with physicians, hospital systems, patients, payers, and governments around the world. On behalf of the management teams of Covidien and Medtronic, I want to thank you for your interest in this transaction. Thank you.

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New Medtronic will file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), a registration statement on Form S-4 that will include the Joint Proxy Statement of Medtronic and Covidien that also constitutes a Prospectus of New Medtronic. Medtronic and Covidien plan to mail to their respective shareholders the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus (including the Scheme) in connection with the transactions. **INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS (INCLUDING THE SCHEME) AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MEDTRONIC, COVIDIEN, NEW MEDTRONIC, THE TRANSACTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS.** Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus (including the Scheme) and other documents filed with the SEC by New Medtronic, Medtronic and Covidien through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and shareholders will be able to obtain free copies of the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus (including the Scheme) and other documents filed by Medtronic and New Medtronic with the SEC by contacting Medtronic Investor Relations at investor.relations@medtronic.com or by calling 763-505-2696, and will be able to obtain free copies of the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus (including the Scheme) and other documents filed by Covidien by contacting Covidien Investor Relations at investor.relations@covidien.com or by calling 508-452-4650.

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General

This summary should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Rule 2.5 announcement. Appendix I to the Rule 2.5 announcement contains further details of the sources of information and bases of calculations set out in this announcement; Appendix II to the Rule 2.5 announcement contains definitions of certain expressions used in this announcement; Appendix III to the Rule 2.5 announcement contains the Conditions of the Acquisition and the Scheme; Appendix IV to the Rule 2.5 announcement sets out the report from PricewaterhouseCoopers in respect of certain merger benefit statements made in this announcement; Appendix V to the Rule 2.5 announcement contains the report from Perella Weinberg Partners LP, in respect of certain merger benefit statements made in this announcement and Appendix VI to the Rule 2.5 announcement sets out the Transaction Agreement.

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