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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 23, 2012

WRIGHT MEDICAL GROUP, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

000-32883
(Commission
File Number)

13-4088127
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

5677 Airline Road,
Arlington, Tennessee
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

38002
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (901) 867-9971

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 23, 2012, Wright Medical Group, Inc. issued a press release announcing its consolidated financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2011. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this report.

The attached press release includes the following non-GAAP measures: net sales, excluding the impact of foreign currency; operating income, as adjusted; net income, as adjusted; net income, as adjusted, per diluted share; effective tax rate, as adjusted; and free cash flow.

These non-GAAP measures are not in accordance with, or an alternative for, generally accepted accounting principles and may be different from non-GAAP measures used by other companies. In addition, these non-GAAP measures are not based on any comprehensive set of accounting rules or principles. We believe that non-GAAP measures have limitations in that they do not reflect all of the amounts associated with our results of operations as determined in accordance with GAAP and that these measures should only be used to evaluate our results of operations in conjunction with the corresponding GAAP measures.

For our internal budgeting and resource allocation process, our management uses financial information that does not include (a) restructuring charges, (b) non-cash stock-based compensation expenses, (c) costs associated with U.S. government inquiries and our deferred prosecution agreement (DPA), (d) transaction costs and non-cash deferred financing fees associated with the 2.625% Convertible Senior Notes due 2014 (Convertible Notes) tender offer, (e) expenses associated with settlement of certain employment matters and the hiring of a new chief executive officer (CEO), (f) a charge for management's estimate of our total liability for claims associated with previous and estimated future fractures of our titanium PROFEMUR® long neck in North America (g) non-cash inventory step-up amortization, (h) the income tax effects of the foregoing and (i) a tax provision to record an estimated IRS audit liability. Additionally, for our internal budgeting process and evaluation of net sales performance, our management uses net sales in constant currency. To measure our sales performance on a constant currency basis, it is necessary to remove the impact of changes in foreign exchange rates, which affects the comparability and trend of sales. Net sales, excluding the impact of foreign currency, is calculated by translating current year results at prior year average foreign currency exchange rates. For our internal budgeting and resource allocation process, management uses free cash flow. Free cash flow is calculated by subtracting capital expenditures from cash provided by operating activities.

We use these non-GAAP financial measures in making operating decisions because we believe the measures provide meaningful supplemental information regarding our core operational performance and give us a better understanding of how we should invest in research and development activities and how we should allocate resources to both ongoing and prospective business initiatives. We use these measures to help make budgeting and spending decisions, for example, between product development expenses and research and development, sales and marketing and general and administrative expenses. Additionally, management is evaluated on the basis of these non-GAAP financial measures when determining achievement of their incentive performance compensation targets. Further, these non-GAAP financial measures facilitate management's internal comparisons to both our historical operating results and to our competitors' operating results.

As described above, we exclude the following items from one or more of our non-GAAP measures:

Foreign currency impact on net sales. We exclude the foreign currency impact on net sales compared to prior year from our non-GAAP measure, primarily because it is not reflective of our ongoing operating results, and it is not used by management for our internal budgeting process and evaluation of net sales performance. We further believe that excluding this item from our non-GAAP results is useful to investors in that it allows for period-over-period comparability.

Restructuring charges. We exclude restructuring charges associated with the closure of our Toulon, France operations, Creteil, France operations, and the 2011 cost restructuring plan from our non-GAAP measures, primarily because they are not reflective of our ongoing operating results, and they are not used by management to assess the core profitability of our business operations. We further believe that excluding this item from our non-GAAP results is useful to investors in that it allows for period-over-period comparability.

Non-cash stock-based compensation expense. We exclude stock-based compensation expenses from our non-GAAP measures primarily because they are non-cash expenses. We believe that it is useful to investors to understand the application of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standard Codification Topic 718, Compensation - Stock Compensation (FASB ASC 718) and its impact on our operational performance, liquidity, and our ability to invest in research and development and fund acquisitions and capital expenditures. While stock-based compensation expense calculated in accordance with FASB ASC 718 constitutes an ongoing and recurring expense, such expense is excluded from our non-GAAP results because it is not an expense that requires cash settlement and is not used by management to assess the core profitability of our business operations. We further believe that excluding this item from our non-GAAP results is useful to investors in that it allows for greater transparency to certain line items

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in our financial statements. In addition, excluding this item from our non-GAAP results facilitates comparisons to our competitors' operating results.

Costs associated with U.S. government inquiries and our Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA). During 2010, we recognized costs associated with inquiries by the U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Those costs resulted primarily from legal and consulting fees incurred as we responded to these inquiries and the settlement of the investigation by the DOJ. In 2010 and 2011, we recognized costs associated with our DPA (including the associated independent monitor). We excluded those costs from our non-GAAP results because such costs are not used by management to assess the core profitability of our business operations. We further believe that these measures are useful to investors in that they allow for period-over-period comparability.

Transaction costs and non-cash deferred financing fees associated with our Convertible Notes tender offer. We excluded the transaction costs and non-cash deferred financing fees from our non-GAAP measures, primarily because they are not reflective of our ongoing operating results, and they are not used by management to assess the core profitability of our business operations. We further believe that excluding this item from our non-GAAP results is useful to investors in that they allow for period-over-period comparability.

Employment matters. We excluded the costs associated with the settlement of certain employment matters and the hiring of a new CEO, primarily because they are not reflective of our ongoing operating results, and they are not used by management to assess the core profitability of our business operations. We further believe that excluding this item from our non-GAAP results is useful to investors in that they allow for period-over-period comparability.

Product liability provision. We excluded the charge for management's estimate of our total liability for claims associated with previous and estimated future fractures of our titanium Profemur® long modular necks in North America. We excluded those costs from our non-GAAP results because such costs are not reflective of our ongoing operating results, and they are not used by management to assess the core profitability of our business operations. We further believe that these measures are useful to investors in that they allow for period-over-period comparability.

Non-cash inventory step-up amortization. We exclude inventory step-up amortization associated with our acquisitions from our non-GAAP measures, primarily because they are not reflective of our ongoing operating results, and they are not used by management to assess the core profitability of our business operations. Additionally, because these are non-cash expenses, they do not impact our operational performance, liquidity, or our ability to invest in R&D and fund acquisitions and capital expenditures. We further believe that excluding this item from our non-GAAP results is useful to investors in that it allows for period-over-period comparability.

Income tax effects of the foregoing. This amount is used to present each of the amounts described above, except for foreign currency impact on net sales, on an after-tax basis consistent with the presentation of net income, as adjusted.

IRS audit liability. We have excluded from our non-GAAP results the income tax provision for our estimated IRS audit, primarily because it is not reflective of our ongoing operating results, and it is not used by management to assess the core profitability of our business operations. We further believe that excluding this item from our non-GAAP results is useful to investors in that it allows for period-over-period comparability.

We believe that non-GAAP measures have limitations in that they do not reflect all of the amounts associated with our financial results as determined in accordance with GAAP and that these measures should only be used to evaluate our financial results in conjunction with the corresponding GAAP measures, and that is why we qualify the use of non-GAAP financial information in a statement when non-GAAP information is presented.

We further believe that where the adjustments used in calculating net income, as adjusted, and net income, as adjusted, per diluted share are based on specific, identified amounts that impact different line items in our Consolidated Statements of Operations (including operating income and net income), that it is useful to investors to understand how these specific line items in our Consolidated Statements of Operations are affected by these adjustments for the following reasons:

Operating income. Excluding non-cash stock-based compensation expense and non-cash inventory step-up amortization from the calculation of operating income assists investors in evaluating period-over-period changes without giving effect to these charges which are non-cash in nature, in order to evaluate the results of the underlying operating activities for the periods presented. Excluding restructuring charges, the costs associated with the U.S. government inquiries and our DPA, the product liability provision and employment matters from the calculation of operating income assists investors in evaluating period-over-period changes in this measure without giving effect to transactions which do not relate to the performance of our ongoing operations.

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Net Income. Excluding non-cash stock-based compensation expense, non-cash inventory step-up amortization and non-cash deferred financing fees related to the Convertible Notes tender offer from the calculation of net income assists investors in evaluating period-over-period changes without giving effect to these charges which are non-cash in nature, in order to evaluate the results of the underlying operating activities for the periods presented. Excluding restructuring charges, the costs associated with the U.S. government inquiries and our DPA, transaction costs related to the Convertible Notes tender offer, the product liability provision, employment matters, and the estimated IRS liability from the calculation of net income assists investors in evaluating period-over-period changes in this measure without giving effect to transactions which do not relate to the performance of our ongoing operations.

Effective Tax Rate. Excluding the income tax effect of the non-GAAP, pre-tax adjustments and the estimated IRS liability from the provision for income taxes assists investors in understanding the tax provision associated with those adjustments and our effective tax rate related to our ongoing operations.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99	Press release issued by Wright Medical Group, Inc. on February 23, 2012.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This current report on Form 8-K contains “forward-looking statements” as defined under U.S. federal securities laws, including statements regarding potential actions by the USAO, independent monitor, OIG and other agencies or their potential impact. These statements reflect management's current knowledge, assumptions, beliefs, estimates, and expectations and express management's current views of future performance, results, and trends and may be identified by their use of terms such as anticipate, believe, could, estimate, expect, intend, may, plan, predict, project, will, and other similar terms. Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to materially differ from those described in the forward-looking statements. The reader should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Such statements are made as of the date of this report, and we undertake no obligation to update such statements after this date. Risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to materially differ from those described in forward-looking statements include those discussed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (including those described in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, under the heading “Risk Factors” and elsewhere); future actions of the FDA or any other regulatory body or government authority that could delay, limit or suspend product development, manufacturing or sale or result in seizures, injunctions, monetary sanctions or criminal or civil liabilities; the impact of any such future actions of the FDA or any other regulatory body or government authority on our settlement of the federal investigation into our consulting arrangements with orthopaedic surgeons relating to our hip and knee products in the United States; the impact of such settlement of the federal investigation into our consulting arrangements with orthopaedic surgeons relating to our hip and knee products in the United States, including our compliance with the Deferred Prosecution Agreement through September 2012 and the Corporate Integrity Agreement through September 2015; and compliance reviews, the results of which may be required to be disclosed to government authorities, and which may uncover violations of law, including strict liability provisions of the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, that could lead to adverse action by the FDA or others. Our failure to comply with the Deferred Prosecution Agreement or the Corporate Integrity Agreement could expose us to significant liability including, but not limited to,

exclusion from federal healthcare program participation, including Medicaid and Medicare, which would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, potential prosecution, including under the previously-filed criminal complaint, civil and criminal fines or penalties, and additional litigation cost and expense. In addition, a breach of the DPA or the CIA could result in an event of default under the Senior Credit Facility, which in turn could result in an event of default under the Indenture.

Additional risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to materially differ from those described in forward-looking statements include the possibility of litigation brought by shareholders, including private securities litigation and shareholder derivative suits, which if initiated, could divert management's attention, harm our business and/or reputation and result in significant liabilities; demand for and market acceptance of our new and existing products; future actions of governmental authorities and other third parties; tax measures; business development and growth opportunities; product quality or patient safety issues; products

liability claims; enforcement of our intellectual property rights; the geographic and product mix impact on our sales; retention of sales representatives and independent distributors; inventory reductions or fluctuations in buying patterns by wholesalers or distributors; ability to realize the anticipated benefits of restructuring initiatives; impact of the commercial and credit environment on us and our customers and suppliers; and in the implementation of our new compliance enhancements, including the duration and severity of delays related to medical education, research and development and clinical studies, and the impact of any such delays on our relationships with customers.

SIGNATURE

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.

Date: February 23, 2012

WRIGHT MEDICAL GROUP, INC.
By: /s/ Robert J. Palmisano
Robert J. Palmisano
President and Chief Executive Officer

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