

Seagate Technology plc  
Form 8-K  
January 04, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 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): **January 4, 2012**

**SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Ireland**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-31560**  
(Commission File Number)

**98-0648577**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**38/39 Fitzwilliam Square**  
**Dublin 2,**

N/A

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**Ireland**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(353) (1) 234-3136**

**N/A**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 4, 2012, Seagate Technology plc (the Company) announced its preliminary financial results for the quarter ended December 30, 2011. The full text of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K including the exhibit hereto is furnished and shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of such section.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release of Seagate Technology plc dated January 4, 2012.

**Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

*This Current Report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each as amended, including, in particular, statements about our plans, strategies and prospects and estimates of industry growth for the fiscal quarter ending March 30, 2012 (the March 2012 quarter) and beyond, including, but not limited to, statements related to the Company's operating and financial performance in the March 2012 quarter and thereafter, and statements regarding customer demand for disk drives, industry pricing, the Company's product mix and general market conditions. In addition, the announced preliminary results for the fiscal quarter ended December 30, 2011 are preliminary, have not been reviewed by external auditors and are subject to change. These statements identify prospective information and include words such as expects, plans, anticipates, believes, estimates, predicts, projects, and similar expressions. These forward-looking statements are based on information available to the Company as of the date of this Current Report. Current expectations, forecasts and assumptions involve a number of risks, uncertainties, and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by these forward-looking statements. Such risks, uncertainties, and other factors may be beyond the Company's control. In particular, the uncertainty in global economic conditions continues to pose a risk to the Company's operating and financial performance as consumers and businesses may defer purchases in response to tighter credit and negative financial news. Such risks and uncertainties also include, but are not limited to, the impact of the variable demand and the adverse pricing environment for disk drives, particularly in view of current business and economic conditions; dependence on the Company's ability to successfully qualify, manufacture and sell its disk drive products in increasing volumes on a cost-effective basis and with acceptable quality, particularly the new disk drive products with lower cost structures; the impact of competitive product announcements and possible excess industry supply with respect to particular disk drive products; the Company's ability to achieve projected cost savings in connection with restructuring plans; the risk that the Company will incur significant costs in connection with the transaction with Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.; and significant disruption to the industry supply chain due to the severe flooding throughout parts of Thailand and the industry's ability to recover from such disruption, which may pose a risk to the Company's operating and financial performance. Information concerning risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements is contained in the Company's*

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*Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on August 17, 2011 and October 27, 2011, respectively, which statements are incorporated into this Current Report by reference. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing the Company's views as of any subsequent date and the Company undertakes no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date they were made.*

**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.

SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

By:	/s/ PATRICK J. O MALLEY
Name:	Patrick J. O Malley
Title:	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 4, 2012