

**FORM 6-K**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 under  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month ended July, 2009

**ICON plc**

(Registrant's name)

0-29714

(Commission file number)

South County Business Park, Leopardstown, Dublin 18, Ireland  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Yes

No

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Yes

No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):82 **N/A**

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**EXHIBIT LIST**

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Icon plc Press Release

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## 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.

**ICON plc**

Date: July 9, 2009

/s/ Peter Gray  
Peter Gray  
Chief Executive Officer

## ICON Acquires Veeda Laboratories Limited

### *Expands ICON's Biomarker and Immunoassay Capabilities in Europe*

DUBLIN--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 9, 2009--**ICON plc, (NASDAQ:ICLR) (ISIN:IE0005711209)**, a global provider of outsourced development services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries, today announced that it has acquired Veeda Laboratories Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Veeda Clinical Research Group.

Veeda Laboratories is a specialist provider of biomarker laboratory services to global pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. The acquisition adds to ICON Development Solutions' existing bioanalytical and immunoassay capabilities, which are delivered through its laboratory in Manchester, UK, and Prevalere Life Sciences LLC., the US-based bioanalytical and immunoassay laboratory which ICON acquired in November 2008.

"Biomarkers of disease are assuming an ever increasing role in the discovery and development of drugs," commented Thomas Frey, President, ICON Development Solutions. "In Veeda Laboratories, we have acquired a company that has a very strong reputation for biomarker development and has well-established relationships with top-tier pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. Veeda's team of scientists will also greatly enhance ICON's existing team of biomarker experts."

"We are excited to be joining ICON," commented John Allinson, Head of Veeda Laboratories, Oxford. "This deal will enable us to enhance and expand our biomarker, pharmacokinetic and immunogenicity services and to offer our clients a broader suite of drug development services. We look forward to working closely with ICON's global network of laboratories to develop innovative biomarker solutions that improve clients' drug development and therapeutic decision making."

### **About ICON plc**

ICON plc is a global provider of outsourced development services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries. The Company specialises in the strategic development, management and analysis of programs that support clinical development - from compound selection to Phase I-IV clinical studies. ICON currently has over 7,000 employees, operating from 71 locations in 38 countries.

Further information is available at [www.iconplc.com](http://www.iconplc.com)

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