

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 144

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ATTENTION: Transmit for filing 3 copies of this form concurrently with either placing an order with a broker to execute sale or executing a sale directly with a market maker

1(a) NAME OF ISSUER (Please type or print)

ICON plc

1(b) IRS IDENT. NO. | (c) SEC FILE NO.

N/A | 0-29714

1(d) ADDRESS OF ISSUER STREET

South County  
Business Park, Leopardstown

1(d) CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Dublin 18 Ireland

1(e) TELEPHONE

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| AREA CODE |  | NUMBER         |
| 011       |  | 353-1-216-1100 |

2(a) NAME OF PERSON FOR WHOSE ACCOUNT THE SECURITIES ARE TO BE SOLD

Ronan Lambe

2(b) IRS IDENT. NO. (c) RELATIONSHIP TO ISSUER

Director

2(d) ADDRESS STREET

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Business Park, Leopardstown

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INSTRUCTION: The person filing this notice should contact the issuer to obtain the I.R.S. Identification Number and the SEC File Number.

| 3(a)<br>Title of the<br>Class of<br>Securities<br>to be Sold | (b)<br>Name and Address of<br>Each Broker Through<br>Whome the Securities<br>are to be Offered<br>or Each Market<br>Maker who is<br>Acquiring the<br>Securities | SEC USE<br>ONLY<br>Broker-<br>Dealer<br>File<br>Number | (c)<br>Number of<br>Shares or<br>Other Units<br>to be Sold<br>(See instr.<br>3(c)) | (d)<br>Aggregate<br>Market<br>Value<br>(See instr.<br>3(d)) | (e)<br>Number of Shares<br>or Other Units<br>Outstanding<br>(See instr. 3(e)) | (f)<br>Approximate<br>Date of Sale<br>(See instr. 3(f))<br>(MO. DAY YR.) | (g)<br>Name of Each<br>Securities<br>Exchange<br>(See instr. 3(g)) |
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| American<br>Depository<br>Shares | Instinet (UK) Ltd.<br>Commodity Quay,<br>East Smithfield,<br>London E1 9 UN | 80160045 | 115,000 | U.S.\$19.05 | 11,798,501 | August 12, 2002 | Nasdaq |
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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. (a) Name of issuer
  - (b) Issuer's I.R.S. Identification Number
  - (c) Issuer's S.E.C. file number, if any
  - (d) Issuer's address, including zip code
  - (e) Issuer's telephone number, including area code
2. (a) Name of person for whose account the securities are to be sold
  - (b) Such person's I.R.S. identification number, if such person is an entity
  - (c) Such person's relationship to the issuer (e.g., officer, director, 10% stockholder, or member of immediate family of any of the foregoing)
  - (d) Such person's address, including zip code
3. (a) Title of the class of securities to be sold
  - (b) Name and address of each broker through whom the securities are intended to be sold
  - (c) Number of shares or other units to be sold (if debt securities, give the aggregate face amount)
  - (d) Aggregate market value of the securities to be sold as of a specified date within 10 days prior to the filing of this notice
  - (e) Number of shares or other units of the class outstanding, or if debit securities the face amount thereof outstanding, as shown by the most recent report or statement published by the issuer
  - (f) Approximate date on which the securities are to be sold
  - (g) Name of each securities exchange, if any, on which the securities are intended to be sold

TABLE I - SECURITIES TO BE SOLD

Furnish the following information with respect to the acquisition of the securities to be sold and with respect to the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or other consideration therefor:

| Title of the Class | Date You Acquired | Nature of Acquisition Transaction | Name of Person from Whom Acquired (If gift, also give date donor acquired) | Amount of Securities Acquired | Date of Payment | Nature of Payment |
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| Ordinary           | 5/15/1998         | Founder Shares                    | ICON plc   | 2,638,000                     | N/A             | N/A               |

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. If the securities were purchased and full payment therefore was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.
2. If within two years after the acquisition of the securities the person for whose account they are to be sold had any short positions, put or other option to dispose of securities referred to in paragraph (d) (3) of Rule 144, furnish full information with respect thereto.

TABLE II - SECURITIES SOLD DURING THE PAST 3 MONTHS

Furnish the following information as to all securities of the issuer sold during the past 3 months by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold.

| Name and Address of Seller | Title of Securities Sold | Date of Sale | Amount of Securities | Gross Proceeds |
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