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Yes / / No /X/

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This Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K is incorporated by reference into the Post-Effective Amendments on Forms F-3 and S-8 to Form F-4 Registration Statement of Elan Corporation, plc (Registration No. 333-12756), the Registration Statement on Form F-3 of Elan Corporation, plc and Athena Neuroscience Finance, LLC (Registration No. 333-13130), and the Registration Statements on Form S-8 of Elan Corporation, plc (Registration Nos. 333-13996, 333-12344, 333-11940, 333-09644, 333-09284, 333-09048, 333-08384, 333-07361, 333-07136, 333-14240, 33-27506 and 333-100252).

EXHIBIT LIST

| Exhibit | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press release dated April 11, 2005 titled: Elan sets date of April 28 for first quarter 2005 financial results, and May 26 for the Annual General Meeting. Elan announces filing of 2004 Form 20-F with SEC. |

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, thereunto duly authorized.

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ELAN CORPORATION, plc

By: /s/ William F. Daniel

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Company Secretary

Date: April 11, 2005

Exhibit 99.1

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ELAN SETS DATE OF APRIL 28 FOR FIRST QUARTER 2005 FINANCIAL RESULTS,
AND MAY 26 FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING

Elan Announces Filing of 2004 Form 20-F with SEC

DUBLIN, IRELAND, APRIL 11, 2005--Elan Corporation, plc today announced that it will report its first quarter 2005 financial results on April 28, 2005, before U.S. and European financial markets open. The results announcement will be followed by a conference call at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time (ET), 1:30 p.m. British Summer Time (BST) with the investment community to discuss Elan's first quarter 2005 financial results. Live audio of the conference call will be simultaneously broadcast over the Internet and will be available to investors, members of the news media and the general public. This event will be webcast live and can be accessed by going to the Investor Relations section on Elan's website at www.elan.com.

Elan will hold its Annual General Meeting at 10:00 a.m. BST on May 26, 2005 at the Westin Hotel, Westmoreland Street, Dublin 2, Ireland. This event will also be webcast live and can be accessed by going to the Investor Relations section on Elan's website at www.elan.com.

Elan has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission its Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004 and has published its Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004. Both these documents are available on the Investor Relations section of Elan's website at www.elan.com.

About Elan

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Elan Corporation, plc is a neuroscience-based biotechnology company that is focused on discovering, developing, manufacturing and marketing advanced therapies in neurology, autoimmune diseases, and severe pain. Elan (NYSE: ELN) shares trade on the New York, London and Dublin Stock Exchanges.