ELAN CORP PLC Form SC 14D9/A June 18, 2013

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14D–9

SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(d)(4) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(Amendment No. 15)

ELAN CORPORATION, PLC (Name of Subject Company)

ELAN CORPORATION, PLC (Names of Person Filing Statement)

Ordinary Shares, par value €0.05 each (Title of Class of Securities)

G29539106

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

American Depositary Shares, each representing one Ordinary Share (Title of Class of Securities)

284131208

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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This Amendment No. 15 to Schedule 14D-9 amends and supplements the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 (as amended from time to time, the <u>"Statement</u>") originally filed by Elan Corporation, plc, a public limited company organized under the laws of Ireland (<u>"Elan</u>"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 15, 2013, relating to the unsolicited offer by Echo Pharma Acquisition Limited, a private limited company incorporated under the laws of Ireland (<u>"Royalty Pharma</u>"), as disclosed in the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO, dated May 2, 2013, as amended, to exchange each outstanding ordinary share of €0.05 each of Elan (<u>"Elan Shares</u>"), including Elan Shares represented by American Depositary Shares, for US\$13.00 in cash plus a contingent value right, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in (i) the Cash Offer, dated May 2, 2013, as amended (the <u>"Offer Document</u>"), and as further amended by that certain Rule 2.5 announcement of Royalty Pharma relating thereto dated June 7, 2013 and (ii) the related revised forms of acceptance and Letter of Transmittal. Except as specifically noted herein, the information set forth in the Statement remains unchanged.

ITEM 4. THE SOLICITATION OR RECOMMENDATION.

Item 4 is hereby amended and supplemented by reference to Exhibit (a)(26) hereto.

ITEM 9. EXHIBITS.

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit Number Description

(a)(26) Press release, dated June 18, 2013

(a)(27) Extraordinary General Meeting Results, June 17, 2013

SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

ELAN CORPORATION, PLC

By: /s/ William F. Daniel Name: William F. Daniel Title: Executive Vice President and Company Secretary Dated: June 18, 2013

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