

LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS
Form 8-K
October 20, 2005

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

October 20, 2005

(Date of earliest event reported)

**LABORATORY CORPORATION OF
AMERICA HOLDINGS**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE

1-11353

13-3757370

(State or other jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S.
Employer
Identification
No.)

**358 SOUTH MAIN STREET,
BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA**

27215

336-229-1127

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip
Code)

(Registrant's telephone number including area
code)

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ITEM 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

Summary information of the Company dated October 20, 2005.

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.

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings

(Registrant)

Date: October 20, 2005

By: /s/Bradford T. Smith
Bradford T. Smith, Executive Vice
President
and Secretary

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**The Clinical Laboratory Testing
Market - \$40 billion Annually**

Source: Company estimates, industry reports and 2004 revenue for LabCorp.

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Independent clinical lab share

is \$16 billion

Represents 2% to 3% of all

health care spending

Influences /directs

approximately 80% of health

care spending

Rapidly evolving technology,

emphasis on preventative

medicine and aging of

population are all driving

growth

Has grown at a CAGR of

between 5% and 6%

Profile of LabCorp

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A leader in the esoteric and genomic testing market and second-largest clinical laboratory company in North America

Offers a broad range of routine and esoteric/genomic tests

Conducts testing on more than 360,000 specimens daily

Provides lab services to physicians and other health care providers

Approximately 24,500 employees nationwide

Primary Testing Locations

Primary LabCorp Testing Locations

PR

AK

Corporate Headquarters

Burlington, NC

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**LabCorp's Investment and
Performance Fundamentals**

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History of Strong Financial

Performance

Significant Cash Generator

Industry leading EBITDA margins

Strong Balance Sheet

Investment Grade Credit Ratings

Net Sales (in millions)

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EBITDA Margin

8

EPS

9

Operating Cash Flow (in millions)

(1) Includes approximately \$50 million of benefit from one-time tax credits recorded in 2003.

(1)

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To **lead** the industry in achieving long-term **growth and profitability** by strengthening our **nationwide core testing** business and expanding our **higher-growth, higher-value esoteric and genomic businesses**.

LabCorp's Strategy

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Strategic Focus Areas

Scientific

Leadership

Managed

Care

Customer

Retention

-Licensing/partnerships

-Cancer

-Specimen tracking

-Call center consolidation

-Report improvement

-Acquisitions

-Appropriate prices

-Reduce leakage

-Value of new lab tests

-Customer connectivity

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Third Quarter Results (in millions, except per share data)

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(1) For definition of EBITDA and a reconciliation to the most comparable measure under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, see Company's 3rd quarter 2005 earnings release furnished on Form 8-K on October 20, 2005.

(2) Excluding \$0.04 per diluted share impact of restructuring and other special charges in third quarter of 2005.

9/30/04

9/30/05

+ / (-)

Revenue

\$781.5

\$852.9

9.1%

EBITDA

(1)

\$200.8

\$213.6

6.4%

EBITDA Margin

25.7%

25.0%

(70

bp)

Diluted EPS

(2)

\$0.63

\$0.70

11.1%

Nine-Month Results (in millions, except per share data)

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(1) For definition of EBITDA and a reconciliation to the most comparable measure under Generally Accepted Accounting

Principles, see Company's 3rd quarter 2005 earnings release furnished on Form 8-K on October 20, 2005.

(2) Excluding the \$0.07 per diluted share impact in 2005 of restructuring and other special charges, and a non-recurring investment loss.

9/30/04

9/30/05

+ / (-)

Revenue

\$2,318.3

\$2,505.3

8.1%

EBITDA

(1)

\$602.8

\$646.3

7.2%

EBITDA Margin

26.0%

25.8%

(20

bp)

Diluted EPS

(2)

\$1.87

\$2.14

14.4%

**2005 Nine-Month Financial
Achievements**

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Diluted EPS of \$2.14 (1)

EBITDA margin of 25.8% of sales

Operating cash flow of \$413.0 million

Increased revenues 8.1% (1.2% volume; 6.9%

price)

Repurchased approximately \$201 million of

LabCorp stock

Completed US LABS and Esoterix acquisitions

(1) Excluding the \$0.07 per diluted share impact of restructuring and other special charges, and a non-recurring investment loss.

Financial Performance

Price & Volumes: Trends by Payor Type

Client (Physicians)

Patient

Third Party

(MC/MD/Insurance)

Managed Care

Capitated

Fee for service

Total

LabCorp Total

2003

PPA

\$

Accessions

millions

\$27.07

118.48

34.25

9.95

45.68

32.74

\$33.43

31.7

2.5

18.1

12.9

22.7

35.6

87.9

2004

PPA

\$

millions

\$26.61

123.59

34.84

10.36

46.01

33.67

\$33.86

32.7

2.5

18.9

12.8

24.2

37.0

91.1

Accessions

YTD 2005

PPA

\$

millions

\$29.03

134.08

38.52

10.42

47.10

34.64

\$35.99

24.2

1.7

14.8

9.8

19.1

28.9

69.6

Accessions

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Financial Performance

Revenue Analysis by Business Area

YTD SEP 2004

Revenue

% Accns

Accns

PPA

\$Million

to total

000

\$

Genomic

**Identity/Gene
Probes**

All Genomic

Other Esoteric

Histology

**All Genomic/
Esoteric**

Core

Total

\$219.2

1,868.9

2.7%

\$117.30

125.3

344.5

221.8

152.7

719.0

1,599.3

\$2,318.3

2,843.3

4,712.2

5,360.1

1,690.0

11,762.3

57,059.0

68,821.3

4.1%

6.8%

7.8%

2.5%

17.1%

82.9%

100.0%

44.06

73.11

41.38

90.34

61.12

28.03

\$33.69

YTD SEP 2005

Revenue

% Accns

Accns

\$Million

to total

000

\$247.9

2,124.5

3.1%

\$116.70

131.9

379.8

251.3

210.7

841.8

1,663.5

\$2,505.3

2,933.8

5,058.3

6,046.9

1,807.2

12,912.4

56,694.6

69,607.0

4.2%

7.3%

8.7%

2.6%

18.6%

81.4%

100.0%

44.95

75.09

41.55

116.61

65.19

29.34

\$35.99

PPA

\$

(0.5%)

2.0%

2.7%

0.4%

29.1%

6.7%

4.7%

6.8%

05 vs 04

PPA

Incr/(Decr)

**Free Cash Flow Investment
Strategy**

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Acquisitions

Stock repurchase program

Retain flexibility in utilizing remaining cash

Updated 2005 Financial Guidance

Revenue growth of approximately 7.5% to 8% compared to 2004.

EBITDA margins of 25.5% of revenues.

Diluted EPS in the range of \$2.73 to \$2.77, excluding the third quarter restructuring and other special charges.

Capital expenditures of between \$90 and \$100 million.

Free cash flow of between \$440 and \$465 million.

Net interest expense of approximately \$32 million.

Bad debt rate of approximately 5.3% of sales for the remainder of the year.

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Financial Guidance for 2005
(cont d.)

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We expect the fourth quarter to be impacted by the continued effects of third quarter hurricanes. We estimate the following negative impacts:

Revenue - approximately \$7.5 million

Volume - approximately 1%

EPS - approximately \$0.02

As a reminder, there is one less revenue day in the fourth quarter of 2005 versus the fourth quarter of 2004

Guidance does not include:

Any potential restructuring charges at LabCorp associated with the continued integration of US LABS and Esoterix into

LabCorp, or

Future share repurchases beyond the third quarter.

**Preliminary Financial Guidance
for 2006**

Revenue growth of approximately 6.5% to 7.5% percent.

Diluted earnings per share growth of 12% to 14%,
compared to LabCorp's 2005 guidance.

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Other Financial Information

For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2005

Depreciation

Amortization

Capital expenditures

Bad debt as a percentage of sales

Q1

Q2

23.2

Q3

Zero coupon-subordinated notes

**Revolving credit facility
(weighted average)**

Cash flows from operations

Effective interest rate on debt:

**5 1/2% Senior Notes (including
effect of interest rate swap)**

Days sales outstanding

**YTD
2005**

\$

24.1

\$

24.2

\$

71.5

\$

12.1

13.1

13.1

38.3

25.5

20.2

25.7

71.4

154.5

86.5

172.0

413.0

5.5%

5.3%

5.3%

5.4%

2.00%

2.00%

2.00%

2.00%

5.38%

5.38%

5.38%

5.38%

3.31%

3.62%

4.34%

4.34%

55

55

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(\$ in millions)

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