

LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

Form 8-K

March 12, 2002

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

MARCH 12, 2002

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(Date of earliest event reported)

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| DELAWARE   | 1-11353                     | 13-3757370                                 |
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| (State or other<br>jurisdiction of<br>incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification<br>Number) |

358 SOUTH MAIN STREET, BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 27215

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(Address of principal executive offices)

336-229-1127

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Laboratory Corporation of America -Registered Trademark-  
Holdings (LabCorp -Registered Trademark-) (NYSE:LH) announced  
that Bradford T. Smith, executive vice president of public  
affairs, is scheduled to speak at the SG Cowen Annual  
Healthcare Conference in Boston on Wednesday, March 13 at  
1:15 p.m. Eastern Time.

At the conference, Mr. Smith will reiterate Company guidance  
for 2002, as filed in an 8-K on February 13. Mr. Smith will  
state, "For 2002, we expect revenue growth of 12 percent  
compared to 2001, EBITDA margins of approximately 23 percent  
of sales and EPS growth of approximately 33 percent compared  
to 2001, before applying the new accounting rules regarding  
goodwill effective January 1, 2002. After applying the new  
accounting rules, we expect the non-amortization of goodwill  
to have an impact of approximately \$26 million in 2002,  
resulting in an increase to EPS of approximately \$0.36."

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Each of the above forward-looking statements is subject to change based on various important factors, including without limitation, competitive actions in the marketplace and adverse actions of governmental and other third-party payors. Further information on potential factors that could affect LabCorp's financial results is included in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 and subsequent SEC filings.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and 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

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(Registrant)

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH

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Bradford T. Smith  
Executive Vice President  
and Secretary

Date: March 12, 2002