LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

Form 8-K May 17, 2006

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

May 17, 2006
(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)	`
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 May 17, 2006.

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.

<u>Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings</u> (Registrant)

Date: May 17, 2006 By: /s/Bradford T. Smith

Bradford T. Smith, Executive Vice

President and Secretary

Thomas P. Mac Mahon Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Annual Meeting May 17, 2006 This slide presentation contains forward-looking statements which are 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. Actual results could differ materially from those suggested by these forward-looking statements. Further information on potential factors that could affect the Company s financial results is included in the Company s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, and subsequent filings.

The Clinical Laboratory Testing Market - \$40 billion Annually

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%

Source: Company estimates, industry reports and 2005 revenue for LabCorp.

Profile of LabCorp

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 approximately 1.1 million tests daily on more than 360,000 specimens

Provides lab services to physicians and other health care providers

Approximately 24,000 employees nationwide

Primary Testing Locations

Primary LabCorp Testing Locations

Corporate Headquarters

Burlington, NC

LabCorp s Strategy

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

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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LabCorp s Investment and Performance Fundamentals

History of Strong Financial Performance

Significant Cash Generator

Industry leading EBITDA margins

Strong Balance Sheet

Investment Grade Credit Ratings

2005 Achievements

Expanded our national strategic partnership with Wellpoint Georgia, Nevada

1st national laboratory to offer Cytyc s ThinPrep Imaging System

Completed acquisitions of US LABS and Esoterix

Operating cash flow of \$574.2 million

Repurchased approximately \$588.5 million of LabCorp stock

2006 Achievements To Date

Diluted EPS of \$0.78 (1)

EBITDA margin of 26.1% of sales

Increased revenues 9.9% (4.6% volume; 5.3% price)

Operating cash flow of \$178.6 million

Repurchased \$185.1 million of LabCorp stock

(1) Excluding the \$0.02 per diluted share impact of the required change in accounting for stock based compensation.

Five-Year Revenue and EPS Trend

Revenue CAGR of 11% - Diluted EPS CAGR of 22%

(1)

(1) Excluding the \$0.09 per diluted share impact in 2005 of restructuring and other special charges, and a non-recurring investment loss.

LabCorp Common Stock Performance

Stock Price On Annual Meeting Date

(1) Closing price on May 16, 2006

(1)

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures (\$ in millions)