



U.S. Federal Trade Commission Approves LabCorp's Acquisition of Orchid Cellmark

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BURLINGTON, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 8, 2011-- Laboratory Corporation of America® Holdings (NYSE: LH) today announced that it has reached an agreement with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission allowing LabCorp to complete its acquisition of Orchid Cellmark Inc (NASDAQ: ORCH). Under the terms of the proposed consent decree that was accepted by the FTC for public comment, LabCorp is required to divest certain assets of Orchid Cellmark's U.S. government paternity business following closing of the acquisition. LabCorp has reached agreement to sell those assets to DNA Diagnostics Center (DDC), a privately held provider of DNA paternity testing.

Acceptance of this proposed consent order completes the review of the transaction by the FTC and ends the waiting period applicable to the acquisition under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976. Termination of the waiting period under the HSR Act satisfies one of the conditions necessary to consummate the acquisition of Orchid Cellmark. As previously announced, LabCorp's cash tender offer for all outstanding shares of common stock of Orchid Cellmark is scheduled to expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Friday, December 9, 2011, unless further extended.

Important Additional Information Has Been Filed with the SEC

This press release is for informational purposes only and is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell shares of Orchid Cellmark Inc.'s common stock. The tender offer is being made pursuant to a tender offer statement as amended and related materials (including the Offer to Purchase and the Letter of Transmittal). ORCHID STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ BOTH THE TENDER OFFER STATEMENT ON SCHEDULE TO AND RELATED MATERIALS (INCLUDING THE OFFER TO PURCHASE AND LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL), AS AMENDED, AND THE SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT ON SCHEDULE 14D-9, AS AMENDED, REGARDING THE TENDER OFFER BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. The tender offer statement on Schedule TO and related materials, including the Offer to Purchase and Letter of Transmittal, have been filed by Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings and OCM Acquisition Corp. with the SEC and mailed to Orchid stockholders. The solicitation/recommendation statement on Schedule 14D-9 has been filed by Orchid Cellmark Inc. with the SEC and mailed to Orchid stockholders. Investors and security holders may obtain a copy of these statements at no cost and other documents filed by Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings and OCM Acquisition Corp. or Orchid Cellmark Inc. with the SEC at the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. The tender offer statement and related materials, solicitation/recommendation statement, and such other documents may be obtained at no cost by directing such requests to Morrow & Co. LLC, the information agent for the tender offer, at 1-203-658-9400 for banks and brokers or 1-877-827-0538 for stockholders and all others. BofA Merrill Lynch is acting as Dealer Manager for the tender offer and can be reached at 1-888-803-9655.

About LabCorp®

Laboratory Corporation of America® Holdings, an S&P 500 company, is a pioneer in commercializing new diagnostic technologies and the first in its industry to embrace genomic testing. With annual revenues of \$5.0 billion in 2010, over 31,000 employees worldwide, and more than 220,000 clients, LabCorp offers a broad test menu ranging from routine blood analyses to reproductive genetics to DNA sequencing. LabCorp furthers its scientific expertise and innovative clinical testing technology with its Centers of Excellence: The Center for Molecular Biology and Pathology, National Genetics Institute, ViroMed Laboratories, Inc., The Center for Esoteric Testing, Litholink Corporation, Genzyme Genetics^{SM*}, DIANON Systems, Inc., US LABS, Monogram Biosciences, Inc., and Esoterix and its Colorado Coagulation, Endocrine Sciences, and Cytometry Associates laboratories. LabCorp conducts clinical trials testing through its Esoterix Clinical Trials Services division. LabCorp clients include physicians, government agencies, managed care organizations, hospitals, clinical labs, and pharmaceutical companies. To learn more about our organization, visit our Web site at: www.labcorp.com.

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