

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549
FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended MARCH 31, 2001

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from to

Commission file number 1-11353

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

13-3757370

(State or other jurisdiction of (IRS Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

358 SOUTH MAIN STREET, BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 27215

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(336) 229-1127

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

The number of shares outstanding of the issuer's common stock is 35,004,234 shares as of April 30, 2001, of which 11,352,537 shares are held by indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of Roche Holding Ltd.

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Information

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(DOLLARS IN MILLIONS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

	March 31, 2001 ----- (Unaudited)	December 31, 2000 -----
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 66.8	\$ 48.8
Accounts receivable, net	388.7	368.0
Inventories	32.2	31.6
Prepaid expenses and other	19.9	18.5
Deferred income taxes	49.3	44.8
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Total current assets	556.9	511.7
Property, plant and equipment, net	271.4	272.8
Intangible assets, net	860.0	865.7
Other assets, net	15.1	16.7
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	\$ 1,703.4	\$ 1,666.9
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 55.5	\$ 52.8
Accrued expenses and other	149.7	127.1
Current portion of long-term debt	132.0	132.0
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Total current liabilities	337.2	311.9
Revolving credit facility	--	--
Long-term debt, less current portion	313.5	346.5
Capital lease obligations	6.9	7.2
Other liabilities	122.1	123.9
Commitments and contingent liabilities	--	--
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$0.10 par value; 52,000,000 shares authorized; 35,003,334 and 34,869,623 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000, respectively	3.5	3.5
Additional paid-in capital	1,066.9	1,051.7
Accumulated deficit	(124.5)	(168.0)
Unearned restricted stock compensation	(18.8)	(9.4)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(3.4)	(0.4)
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Total shareholders' equity	923.7	877.4
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	\$ 1,703.4	\$ 1,666.9
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(DOLLARS IN MILLIONS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2001	2000
Net sales	\$ 525.4	\$ 462.7
Cost of sales	303.8	279.2
Gross profit	221.6	183.5
Selling, general and administrative expenses	125.0	118.4
Amortization of intangibles and other assets	9.3	7.7
Operating income	87.3	57.4
Other income (expenses):		
Loss on sale of assets	(0.4)	(0.4)
Net investment income	1.0	0.5
Interest expense	(8.8)	(9.9)
Earnings before income taxes	79.1	47.6
Provision for income taxes	35.6	21.9
Net earnings	43.5	25.7
Less preferred stock dividends	--	(14.7)
Less accretion of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock	--	(0.2)
Net income attributable to common shareholders	\$ 43.5 =====	\$ 10.8 =====
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 1.26 =====	\$ 0.85 =====
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 1.24 =====	\$ 0.75 =====

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
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(Unaudited)

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit
PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2000			
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 1.3	\$ 423.9	\$ (245.5)
Comprehensive income:			
Net earnings	--	--	25.7
Other comprehensive income:			
Foreign currency translation adjustments	--	--	--

Comprehensive income	--	--	25.7
Issuance of common stock	--	1.3	--
Issuance of restricted stock awards	--	2.1	--
Amortization of unearned restricted stock compensation	--	--	--
Preferred stock dividends	--	--	(14.7)
Accretion of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock	--	--	(0.2)
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BALANCE AT MARCH 31, 2000	\$ 1.3	\$ 427.3	\$ (234.7)
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PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2001			
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 3.5	\$1,051.7	\$ (168.0)
Comprehensive income:			
Net earnings	--	--	43.5
Other comprehensive income:			
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle (net-of-tax)	--	--	--
Unrealized derivative loss on cash flow hedge (net-of-tax)	--	--	--
Foreign currency translation adjustments	--	--	--
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Comprehensive income	--	--	43.5
Issuance of common stock	--	3.1	--
Issuance of restricted stock awards	--	11.3	--
Amortization of unearned restricted stock compensation	--	--	--
Income tax benefit from stock options exercised	--	0.8	--
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BALANCE AT MARCH 31, 2001	\$ 3.5	\$1,066.9	\$ (124.5)
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	Unearned Restricted Stock Compensation	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Shareholders' Equity
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PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2000			
Balance at beginning of year	\$ (4.1)	\$ (0.1)	\$ 175.5
Comprehensive income:			
Net earnings	--	--	25.7
Other comprehensive income:			
Foreign currency translation adjustments	--	(0.2)	(0.2)
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Comprehensive income	--	(0.2)	25.5
Issuance of common stock	--	--	1.3
Issuance of restricted stock awards	(2.1)	--	--
Amortization of unearned restricted stock compensation	0.2	--	0.2
Preferred stock dividends	--	--	(14.7)
Accretion of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock	--	--	(0.2)
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BALANCE AT MARCH 31, 2000	\$ (6.0)	\$ (0.3)	\$ 187.6
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PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2001			
Balance at beginning of year	\$ (9.4)	\$ (0.4)	\$ 877.4
Comprehensive income:			

Net earnings	--	--	43.5
Other comprehensive income:			
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle (net-of-tax)	--	0.6	0.6
Unrealized derivative loss on cash flow hedge (net-of-tax)	--	(2.8)	(2.8)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	--	(0.8)	(0.8)
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Comprehensive income	--	(3.0)	40.5
Issuance of common stock	--	--	3.1
Issuance of restricted stock awards	(11.3)	--	--
Amortization of unearned restricted stock compensation	1.9	--	1.9
Income tax benefit from stock options exercised	--	--	0.8
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BALANCE AT MARCH 31, 2001	\$ (18.8)	\$ (3.4)	\$ 923.7
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LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(DOLLARS IN MILLIONS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	----- 2001	2000 -----
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net earnings	\$ 43.5	\$ 25.7
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	23.6	21.3
Deferred compensation	1.9	0.2
Net losses on sale of assets	0.4	0.4
Deferred income taxes	(0.8)	3.1
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Net decrease in restructuring reserves	(1.8)	(1.3)
Increase in accounts receivable, net	(20.7)	(19.4)
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(0.9)	3.0
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses and other	(1.5)	0.4
Increase in accounts payable	2.7	1.4
Increase in accrued expenses and other	17.5	14.2
Other, net	0.6	(0.5)
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Net cash provided by operating activities	64.5	48.5
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Capital expenditures	(12.7)	(10.8)
Proceeds from sale of assets	0.4	--
Acquisition of businesses	(3.3)	(4.4)
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Net cash used for investing activities	(15.6)	(15.2)
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	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2001	2000
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Payments on long-term debt	(33.0)	(29.0)
Payments on long-term lease obligations	(0.2)	(0.2)
Payment of preferred stock dividends	--	(4.6)
Net proceeds from issuance of stock to employees	3.1	1.3
	-----	-----
Net cash used for financing activities	(30.1)	(32.5)
	-----	-----
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(0.8)	(0.2)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	18.0	0.6
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	48.8	40.3
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 66.8	\$ 40.9
	-----	-----
Supplemental schedule of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest	\$ 10.1	\$ 12.7
Income taxes, net of refunds	4.8	1.9
Disclosure of non-cash financing and investing activities:		
Preferred stock dividends	--	10.1
Accretion of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock	--	0.2

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LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings and its wholly owned subsidiaries (the "Company") after elimination of all material intercompany accounts and transactions.

The financial statements of the Company's foreign subsidiary are measured using the local currency as the functional currency. Assets and liabilities are translated at exchange rates as of the balance sheet date. Revenues and expenses are translated at average monthly exchange rates prevailing during the period. Resulting translation adjustments are included in "Accumulated other comprehensive loss."

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company are unaudited. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (which include only normal recurring accruals) necessary for a fair presentation of such financial statements have been included. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year.

The financial statements and notes are presented in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and do not contain certain information included in the Company's annual report. Therefore, the interim statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto contained in the Company's annual report.

2. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income, less preferred stock dividends and accretion, by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Dilutive earnings per share is computed by dividing net income, by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding plus potentially dilutive shares, as if they had been issued at the beginning of the period presented. Potentially dilutive common shares result primarily from the Company's mandatorily redeemable preferred stock, restricted stock awards and outstanding stock options.

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The following represents a reconciliation of the weighted average shares used in the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

	Three months Ended March 31,	
	2001	2000
Basic	34,615,307	12,755,152
Assumed conversion/exercise of:		
Stock options	276,123	375,958
Restricted stock awards	262,370	191,929
Series A preferred stock	--	7,932,747
Series B preferred Stock	--	13,158,363
Diluted	35,153,800	34,414,149

At March 31, 2001 and 2000, options to acquire 8,040 and 739,212 shares of common stock, respectively, were excluded in the computations of diluted earnings per share, because the effect of including the options would have been antidilutive.

3. ACCOUNTING CHANGE - DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Effective January 1, 2001, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities", as amended by SFAS No. 138, "Accounting for Certain Derivative Instruments and Certain Hedging Activities", which provides a comprehensive and consistent standard for the recognition and measurement of derivatives and hedging activities.

At January 1 and March 31, 2001, the Company was a party to an interest rate swap agreement with a major financial institution, solely to manage its interest rate exposure with respect to \$350.0 and \$200.0, respectively, of its floating rate debt. This effectively fixed the interest rate exposure on the floating rate debt to a weighted-average fixed interest rate of 5.8%. This swap requires that the Company pay a fixed rate amount in exchange for the financial institution paying a floating rate amount. The swap agreement matures March 31, 2003. The amount paid or received by the Company as of March 31, 2001 was \$0.0. The notional amount of the agreement is used to measure the interest to be paid or received and does not represent the amount of exposure to credit loss. The estimated cost at which the Company could have terminated this agreement as of March 31, 2001 was approximately \$3.8. This fair value was estimated by discounting the expected

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cash flows using rates currently available for interest rate swaps with similar terms and maturities. Interest rates in effect for both the long-term and revolving credit agreement as of March 31, 2001 were 5.5%.

In accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 133, as amended, this interest rate swap agreement has been designated as a cash flow hedge and is carried on the balance sheet at fair value. At March 31, 2001, the fair value of the hedge is recorded as a long-term liability of \$3.8. In addition, the cumulative effect of the change in accounting principle related to the adoption of SFAS 133, resulted in a \$0.6 credit (net-of-tax) to accumulated other comprehensive income on the date of transition (January 1, 2001). For the three months ended March 31, 2001, the change in the fair value of the derivative instrument was recorded as a \$2.8 debit (net-of-tax) to accumulated other comprehensive income.

If the Company discontinues hedge accounting because it is no longer probable that the forecasted transaction will occur in the originally expected period, the gain or loss on the derivative remains in accumulated other comprehensive income and is reclassified into earnings when the forecasted transaction affects earnings.

4. STOCK SPLIT

On April 23, 2001, the Company announced that its Board of Directors approved a two-for-one stock split, subject to shareholder approval of an increase in the number of authorized shares of common stock. The stock split will be effected by the issuance on June 11, 2001 of a stock dividend of one new share of common stock for each share of common stock held by shareholders of record on June 4, 2001. If shareholder approval is obtained, proforma earnings per share would be as follows:

	Three months Ended March 31,	
	2001	2000
Basic	\$0.63	\$0.42
Diluted	\$0.62	\$0.37

5. BUSINESS ACQUISITIONS

On April 30, 2001, the Company completed the acquisition of all of the outstanding stock of Path Lab Holdings, Inc. (Path Lab), which is based in Portsmouth, New Hampshire for approximately \$83 in cash and future payments of \$25 based upon attainment of specific earnings targets. Path Lab's revenues for the year ended December 31, 2000 were approximately \$51.6.

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6. RESTRUCTURING CHARGES

The following represents the Company's restructuring activities for the period indicated:

	Severance Costs	Lease and Other Facility Costs	Total
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Balance at December 31, 2000	\$ 1.9	\$20.1	\$22.0
Cash payments	(1.1)	(0.7)	(1.8)
Reclassifications and non-cash items	0.7	(0.7)	--
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Balance at March 31, 2001	\$ 1.5	18.7	20.2
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Current			\$10.8
Non-current			\$ 9.4

			\$20.2
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7. LONG-TERM DEBT

The Company made a payment of \$33.0 to its term loan on March 31, 2001. The effective rate on the Company's term loan at March 31, 2001 was a weighted-average fixed interest rate of 5.8%.

8. STOCK COMPENSATION PLANS

During February 2001, the Company granted 520,900 options and 85,100 shares of restricted stock at a price of \$132.25 under its 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

The tax benefits associated with the exercise of non-qualified stock options reduces taxes currently payable by \$0.8 for the three months ended March 31, 2001. Such benefits are credited to additional paid-in-capital.

9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company is involved in litigation one of which purports to be a class action brought on behalf of certain patients, private insurers and benefit plans that paid for laboratory testing services during the time frame covered by the 1996 government settlement. The Company has also received certain similar claims brought on behalf of certain other insurance companies and individuals, some of which have been resolved for immaterial amounts. These claims for private reimbursement are similar to the government claims settled in 1996. The Company is carefully evaluating these

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claims and has entered into settlement negotiations with the representatives of all of these parties, resulting in settlement agreements to resolve the matters. During the quarter ended March 31, 2001, \$7.9 was paid out with one of these settlement agreements. Based upon these discussions, management does not believe that the ultimate outcome of these claims will exceed existing reserves or have a material adverse affect on the Company. On January 9, 2001, the Company was served with a complaint in North Carolina which purports to be a class action and makes claims similar to the cases referred to above. The Company is carefully evaluating this claim. Due to the early stage of the claim, its outcome cannot be presently predicted.

The Company is also involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. These matters include, but are not limited to, professional liability, employee related matters, inquiries from governmental agencies and Medicare or Medicaid carriers requesting comment on allegations of billing irregularities that are brought to their attention through billing audits or third parties. In the opinion of management, based upon the advice of counsel and consideration of all facts available at this time, the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position, results of operations or liquidity of the Company.

The Company believes that it is in compliance in all material respects with all statutes, regulations and other requirements applicable to its clinical laboratory operations. The clinical laboratory testing industry is, however, subject to extensive regulation, and many of these statutes and regulations have not been interpreted by the courts. There can be no assurance therefore that applicable statutes and regulations might not be interpreted or applied by a prosecutorial, regulatory or judicial authority in a manner that would adversely affect the Company. Potential sanctions for violation of these statutes and regulations include significant fines and the loss of various licenses, certificates and authorizations.

7. our failure to obtain and retain new customers and alliance partners, or a reduction in tests ordered or specimens submitted by existing customers.
8. our failure to integrate newly acquired businesses and the cost related to such integration.
9. adverse results in litigation matters.
- 10.our ability to attract and retain experienced and qualified personnel.
11. failure to maintain our days sales outstanding levels.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Three Months ended March 31, 2001 compared with Three Months ended March 31, 2000.

Net sales for the three months ended March 31, 2001 were \$525.4, an increase of \$62.7, or 13.6%, from \$462.7 for the comparable 2000 period. The sales increase is a result of a 6.2% increase in volume and a 7.4% increase in average price. The increase in sales for the first quarter of 2001 would have been approximately 11.6% after excluding the effect of the acquisitions made in 2000.

Cost of sales, which includes primarily laboratory and distribution costs, was \$303.8 for the three months ended March 31, 2001 compared to \$279.2 in the corresponding 2000 period, an increase of \$24.6. The increase in cost of sales

is primarily the result of increases in volume and supplies due to increases in the mix of genomic and esoteric tests run as well as higher cost tests run in the core laboratories. Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales was 57.8% for the three months ended March 31, 2001 and 60.3% in the corresponding 2000 period. The decrease in the cost of sales percentage of net sales primarily resulted from price increases and the Company's continued cost reduction efforts and cost efficiencies related to increased volume.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased to \$125.0 for the three months ended March 31, 2001 from \$118.4 in the same period in 2000. This increase resulted primarily from bad debt expense on higher net sales amounts, as well as from personnel and other costs related to billing system conversions. The Company lowered its provision for bad debt expense, as a percentage of sales, to 9.7% for the three months ended March 31, 2001 compared to 10.2% for the year ended December 31, 2000. As a percentage of net sales, selling, general and administrative expenses were 23.8% and 25.6% for the three months ended March 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

The amortization of intangibles and other assets was \$9.3 and \$7.7 for the three months ended March 31, 2001 and 2000.

Interest expense was \$8.8 for the three months ended March 31, 2001 compared with \$9.9 for the same period in 2000. The decline in interest expense is a result of the Company's reduction in long-term debt and lower interest rates.

The provision for income taxes as a percentage of earnings before taxes was 45.0% for the three months ended March 31, 2001 compared to 46.0% for the three months ended March 31, 2000.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$64.5 and \$48.5 for the three months ended March 31, 2001 and March 31, 2000, respectively. The increase in cash flow from operations primarily resulted from improved earnings. Capital expenditures were \$12.7 and \$10.8 for the first three months of 2001 and 2000, respectively.

The Company's days sales outstanding (DSO) decreased to 67 days at March 31, 2001 from 68 days at the end of December 31, 2000. The Company expects to continue to reduce DSO to the mid 60s by the end of 2001.

Based on current and projected levels of operations, coupled with availability under its revolving credit facility, the Company believes it has sufficient liquidity to meet both its short-term and long-term cash needs. For a discussion of legal proceedings which may impact the Company's liquidity and capital resources see "Note 9 to the Company's Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements".

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PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

See "Note 9 to the Company's Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements" for the three months ended March 31, 2001

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

- (1) A current report on Form 8-K dated February 14, 2001 was filed on February 14, 2001, by the registrant, in connection with the press release dated February 14, 2001 announcing the results for the quarter and twelve months ended December 31, 2000.
- (2) A current report on Form 8-K dated February 14, 2001 was filed on February 14, 2001, by the registrant, in connection with the press release dated February 14, 2001 announcing summary information for the Company.
- (3) A current report on Form 8-K dated March 26, 2001 was filed on March 26, 2001, by the registrant, in connection with the press release dated March 26, 2001 announcing that it has entered into a definitive agreement with privately-held Path Lab Holdings, Inc. (Path Lab) to acquire all of its outstanding stock.
- (4) A current report on Form 8-K dated March 27, 2001 was filed on March 28, 2001, by the registrant, in connection with the press release dated March 27, 2001 announcing that Thomas P. Mac Mahon, chairman and chief executive officer, was

scheduled to speak at the Banc of America
Securities Health Care Conference in Las
Vegas on March 27, 2001.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K (continued)

- (5) A current report on Form 8-K dated April 3, 2001 was filed on April 3, 2001, by the registrant, in connection with the press release dated April 3, 2001 announcing that Bradford T. Smith, executive vice president of public affairs, was scheduled to speak at the Thomas Weisel Health Care Conference in San Francisco on April 3, 2001.
- (6) A current report on Form 8-K dated April 11, 2001 was filed on April 11, 2001, by the registrant, in connection with the press release dated April 11, 2001 announcing that Thomas P. Mac Mahon, chairman and chief executive officer, was scheduled to speak at the Merrill Lynch Health Services Conference in Washington, DC on Wednesday April 11, 2001.
- (7) A current report on Form 8-K dated April 23, 2001 was filed on April 23, 2001, by the registrant, in connection with the press release dated April 23, 2001 announcing results for the quarter ended March 31, 2001.
- (8) A current report on Form 8-K dated April 23, 2001 was filed on April 23, 2001, by the registrant, in connection with the press release dated April 23, 2001 announcing summary information for the Company.
- (9) A current report on Form 8-K dated May 1, 2001 was filed on May 1, 2001, by the registrant, in connection with the press release dated May 1, 2001 announcing the completion of the acquisition of New England-based Path Lab Holdings, Inc. (Path Lab). Path Lab had revenues in 2000 of approximately \$51.6 million and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization of \$12.9 million. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

S I G N A T U R E S

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 thereunto duly authorized.

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS
Registrant

By:/s/ THOMAS P. MAC MAHON

Thomas P. Mac Mahon
Chairman, President and
Chief Executive Officer

By:/s/ WESLEY R. ELINGBURG

Wesley R. Elingburg
Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer and
Treasurer

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