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 July 19, 2002 (Date of earliest event reported) LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS -----(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) 1-11353 13-3757370 DELAWARE (State or other
jurisdiction of(Commission
File Number)(IRS Employer
Identification Number) incorporation) 358 SOUTH MAIN STREET, BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 27215 (Address of principal executive offices) 336-229-1127 - -------(Registrant's telephone number, including area code) ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS Laboratory Corporation of America -Registered Trademark-Holdings (LabCorp -Registered Trademark-)(NYSE:LH) expects to release second quarter financial results at approximately 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 24, 2002. A conference call has been scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time to discuss the results. Thomas P. Mac

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Mahon, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, will host the call.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibit20 Press release of the Company dated July 19, 2002.

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

(Registrant)

By:/s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH

Bradford T. Smith Executive Vice President

and Secretary

Date: July 19, 2002

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LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA-REGISTERED TRADEMARK-SCHEDULES SECOND QUARTER 2002 RESULTS CONFERENCE CALL

Burlington, NC, July 19, 2002 -Laboratory Corporation of America-Registered Trademark- Holdings (LabCorp-Registered Trademark-) (NYSE: LH) expects to release second quarter financial results at approximately 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 24, 2002. A conference call has been scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time to discuss the results. Thomas P. Mac Mahon, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, will host the call.

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The first national clinical laboratory to fully embrace genomic testing, Laboratory Corporation of America-Registered Trademark- Holdings (LabCorp-Registered Trademark-) has been a pioneer in commercializing new diagnostic technologies. As a national laboratory with annual revenues of \$2.2 billion in 2001 and over 19,000 employees, the Company offers more than 4,000 clinical tests ranging from routine analyses to sophisticated molecular diagnostics. Serving over 200,000 clients nationwide, LabCorp combines its expertise in innovative clinical testing technology with its Centers of Excellence. The Center for Molecular Biology and Pathology, in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, offers state-of-the-art molecular gene-based testing in infectious disease, oncology and genetics. Its National Genetics Institute in Los Angeles is an industry leader in developing novel, highly sensitive polymerase chain reaction (PCR) methods for testing hepatitis C and other blood borne infectious agents. LabCorp's Minneapolis-based ViroMed offers molecular microbial testing using real time PCR platforms, while its Center for Esoteric Testing in Burlington, North Carolina, performs the largest volume of specialty testing in the network. LabCorp's clients include physicians, state and federal government, managed care organizations, hospitals, clinics, pharmaceutical and Fortune 1000 companies, and other clinical laboratories.

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.

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