## 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

<u>February 8, 2013</u> (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)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

Summary information of the Company dated February 8, 2013.

#### 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.

#### LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS Registrant

By:

/s/ F. SAMUEL EBERTS III

F. Samuel Eberts III Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

February 8, 2013



## Introduction



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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, 2011, and subsequent SEC filings, and will be available in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, when filed. The Company has no obligation to provide any updates to these forward-looking statements even if its expectations change.





	т	hree Months			
		2012	12 :		+/(-)
Revenue	\$	1,405.3	\$	1,366.1	2.9%
Adjusted Operating Income (1)	\$	242.2	\$	258.0	-6.1%
Adjusted Operating Income Margin (1) (2)		17.2%		18.9%	(170) bp
Adjusted EPS Excluding Amortization (1) (2)	\$	1.54	\$	1.56	-1.3%
Operating Cash Flow	\$	254.2	\$	278.6	-8.8%
Less: Capital Expenditures	\$	(61.4)	\$	(30.1)	104.0%
Free Cash Flow	\$	192.8	\$	248.5	-22.4%

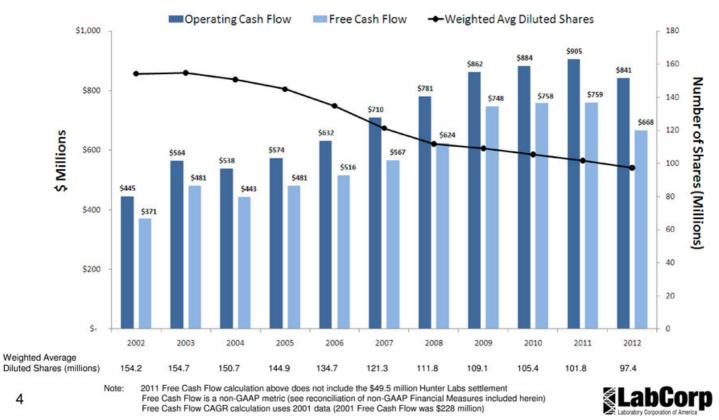
(1) See Reconciliation of non-GAAP Financial Measures (included herein)

(2) Inclement weather reduced Adjusted Operating Income margin by 80 bp and Adjusted EPS Excluding Amortization by \$0.09 during the fourth quarter of 2012



## **Cash Flow Trends**

## 10.3% FCF CAGR from 2001-2012



# Financial Guidance - 2013

Including a negative impact of approximately \$0.35 due to Medicare payment reductions and excluding the impact of share repurchase activity after December 31, 2012, guidance for 2013 is:

Revenue growth:	Approximately 2.0% - 3.0%
Adjusted EPS Excluding Amortization:	\$6.85 - \$7.15
• Operating cash flow:	Approximately \$870 Million - \$900 Million
Capital expenditures:	Approximately \$200 Million - \$220 Million*

\*Note: The Company's capital expenditure guidance is higher than historical levels due to near-term investments in facility consolidation and replacement of a major testing platform.





### Laboratory Corporation of America Other Financial Information December 31, 2012 (\$ in millions)

	_	Q1 12	Q2 12	Q3 12	Q4 12	YTD
Depreciation	\$	34.7	\$ 34.9	\$ 36.0	\$ 35.5	\$ 141.1
Amortization	\$	21.4	\$ 20.6	\$ 21.1	\$ 23.2	\$ 86.3
Capital expenditures	\$	34.2	\$ 34.1	\$ 44.1	\$ 61.4	\$ 173.8
Cash flows from operations	\$	197.1	\$ 186.3	\$ 203.8	\$ 254.2	\$ 841.4
Bad debt as a percentage of sales		4.4%	4.4%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Effective interest rate on debt:						
Zero coupon-subordinated notes		2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
3 1/8% Senior Notes		3.27%	3.27%	3.27%	3.27%	3.27%
4 5/8% Senior Notes		4.74%	4.74%	4.74%	4.74%	4.74%
5 1/2% Senior Notes		5.38%	5.38%	5.38%	5.38%	5.38%
5 5/8% Senior Notes		5.75%	5.75%	5.75%	5.75%	5.75%
2 1/5% Senior Notes		-	-	2.24%	2.24%	2.24%
3 3/4% Senior Notes		-	-	3.76%	3.76%	3.76%
Revolving credit facility (weighted average)		1.22%	1.22%	1.19%	1.18%	1.18%
Days sales outstanding		48	47	48*	46	46

\*Excludes the impact of the MEDTOX Acquisition



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### **Reconciliation of non-GAAP Financial Measures**

(In millions, except per share data)

(in minoris, except per share data)	Thr	ee Months	Ended	Dec 31.		
Adjusted Operating Income		2012		2011		
Operating income	\$	215.3	\$	247.4		
Restructuring and other special charges (1) (2) (3)		20.7		10.6		
Termination of licensing agreement (1)		6.2		-		
Acquisition fees and expenses		-		-		
Adjusted operating income		242.2	\$	258.0		
Adjusted EPS Excluding Amortization						
Diluted earnings per common share	\$	1.26	\$	1.34		
Impact of restructuring and other special charges (1) (2)		0.13		0.06		
Loss on divestiture of assets <sup>(3)</sup>		-		0.03		
Amortization expense		0.15		0.13		
Adjusted EPS Excluding Amortization (4)	\$	1.54	\$	1.56		

Note: Please see footnotes for this reconciliation on slide 9



### **Reconciliation of non-GAAP Financial Measures**

(In millions, except per share data)

	Twelve Months Ended Dec							
Adjusted Operating Income		2011						
Operating income	\$	1,023.5	\$	948.4				
Restructuring and other special charges (1) (2) (3)		25.3		116.5				
Termination of licensing agreement (1)		6.2		-				
Acquisition fees and expenses <sup>(1)</sup>		9.9		-				
Adjusted operating income	\$	1,064.9	\$	1,064.9				
Adjusted EPS Excluding Amortization								
Diluted earnings per common share	\$	5.99	\$	5.11				
Impact of restructuring and other special charges (1) (2)		0.29		0.72				
Loss on divestiture of assets <sup>(3)</sup>		-		0.03				
Amortization expense		0.54		0.51				
Adjusted EPS Excluding Amortization (4)	\$	6.82	\$	6.37				

Note: Please see footnotes for this reconciliation on slide 9





During the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company recorded net restructuring and other special charges of \$20.7 million. The charges consisted of \$4.8 million in severance-related liabilities and \$17.1 million in net facility-related costs associated with ongoing consolidation of recent acquisitions and other operations. These charges were partially offset by the reversal of previously established reserves of \$1.2 million in unused severance. The after tax impact of these net charges decreased net earnings for the three months ended December 31, 2012 by \$12.8 million and diluted earnings per share by \$0.13 (\$12.8 million divided by 95.3 million shares).

During the first three quarters of 2012, the Company recorded net restructuring and other special charges of \$4.6 million. The charges consisted of \$11.4 million in severance-related liabilities and \$2.5 million in net facility-related costs primarily associated with ongoing consolidation of recent acquisitions and other operations and the termination of an executive vice president. These charges were partially offset by the reversal of previously established reserves of \$5.7 million in unused severance and \$3.6 million in unused facility-related costs. The Company also recorded \$9.9 million in fees associated with the successful completion of its acquisition of MEDTOX Scientific, Inc. ("MEDTOX") on July 31, 2012. As part of the Clearstone integration, the Company recorded a \$6.9 million loss in other income (expense) relating to the disposal of one of its European subsidiaries. In addition, in conjunction with the liquidation of one of its joint ventures, the Company recorded a one-time increase of \$2.9 million in equity method income.

For the year ended December 31, 2012, the after tax impact of these combined net charges decreased net earnings by \$27.9 million and diluted earnings per share by \$0.29 (\$27.9 million divided by 97.4 million shares).

The Company also recorded accelerated amortization of \$6.2 million related to its termination of a licensing agreement in November 2012. The after tax impact of this accelerated amortization decreased net earnings for the three months and year ended December 31, 2012 by \$3.8 million and diluted earnings per share by \$0.04 and \$0.04, respectively (\$3.8 million divided by 95.3 and 97.4 million shares, respectively).

2) During the fourth quarter of 2011, the Company recorded net restructuring and other special charges of \$10.6 million, consisting of \$6.3 million in severance-related liabilities and \$1.7 million in net facility-related costs primarily associated with integration of the Orchid Cellmark and Genzyme Genetics acquisitions as well as internal cost reduction initiatives. The charges also include a \$2.6 million write-off of an uncollectible receivable from a past installment sale of one of the Company's lab operations. The after tax impact of these charges decreased net earnings for the three months ended December 31, 2011, by \$6.5 million and diluted earnings per share by \$0.06 (\$6.5 million divided by 101.0 million shares).

During the first three quarters of 2011, the Company recorded restructuring and other special charges of \$105.9 million (\$66.3 million after tax). The restructuring charges included \$18.8 million in net severance and other personnel costs along with \$36.7 million in net facility-related costs primarily associated with the ongoing integration of the Clearstone, Genzyme Genetics and Westcliff acquisitions. The special charges also included \$34.5 million (\$49.5 million, net of previously recorded reserves of \$15.0 million) relating to the settlement of the Hunter Labs litigation in California, along with \$1.1 million for legal costs associated with the planned acquisition of Orchid Cellmark incurred during the second quarter of 2011, both of which were recorded in Selling, General and Administrative Expenses in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations. The charges also included a \$14.8 million write-off of an investment made in a prior year.

For the year ended December 31, 2011, the after tax impact of these combined charges of \$116.5 million decreased net earnings by \$73.3 million and diluted earnings per share by \$0.72 (\$73.3 million divided by 101.8 million shares).

- 3) Following the closing of its acquisition of Orchid Cellmark Inc. ("Orchid") in mid-December, the Company recorded a net \$2.8 million loss on its divestiture of certain assets of Orchid's U.S. government paternity business, under the terms of the agreement reached with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission. This non-deductible loss on disposal was recorded in Other Income and Expense in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations and decreased net earnings for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2011, by \$2.8 million and diluted earnings per share by \$0.03 (\$2.8 million divided by 101.0 million shares and \$2.8 million divided by 101.8 million shares, respectively).
- 4) The Company continues to grow its business through acquisitions and uses Adjusted EPS Excluding Amortization as a measure of operational performance, growth and shareholder returns. The Company believes adjusting EPS for amortization provides investors with better insight into the operating performance of the business. For the three months ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, intangible amortization was \$23.2 million and \$21.2 million, respectively (\$14.3 million and \$12.9 million net of tax, respectively) and decreased EPS by \$0.15 (\$14.3 million divided by 95.3 million shares) and \$0.13 (\$12.9 million divided by 101.0 million shares), respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, intangible amortization was \$86.3 million respectively (\$53.2 million and \$52.4 million net of tax, respectively) and decreased EPS by \$0.54 (\$53.2 million divided by 97.4 million shares) and \$0.51 (\$52.4 million divided by 101.8 million shares), respectively.
  - 9 Note: GENZYME GENETICS and its logo are trademarks of Genzyme Corporation and used by Esoterix Genetic Laboratories, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of LabCorp, under license. Esoterix Genetic Laboratories and LabCorp are operated independently from Genzyme Corporation.



### **Reconciliation of non-GAAP Financial Measures**

(In millions, except per share data)

	2012	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Cash flows from operations <sup>1</sup>	\$841.4	\$905.1	\$883.6	\$862.4	\$780.9	\$709.7	\$632.3	\$574.2	\$538.1	\$564.3	\$444.9
Capital expenditures	(173.8)	(145.7)	(126.1)	(114.7)	(156.7)	(142.6)	(115.9)	(93.6)	(95.0)	(83.6)	(74.3)
Free cash flow <sup>2</sup>	667.6	759.4	757.5	747.7	624.2	567.1	516.4	480.6	443.1	480.7	370.6
Weighted average diluted shares outstanding	97.4	101.8	105.4	109.1	111.8	121.3	134.7	144.9	150.7	144.8	144.2

(1) 2011 cash flows from operations excludes the \$49.5 million Hunter Labs settlement payment

(2) Free cash flow represents cash flows from operations less capital expenditures



