

**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

March 11, 2013
(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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 11, 2013, Laboratory Corporation of America® Holdings (LabCorp®) (NYSE: LH) announced that Adam H. Schechter, has been appointed to its Board of Directors, effective April 1, 2013. Mr. Schechter will also serve on the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. Mr. Schechter will be entitled to receive compensation for his service on the Board of Directors consistent with LabCorp's director compensation program, as described under the heading Director Compensation in LabCorp's proxy statement for its 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 20, 2012, which description is incorporated by reference. Mr. Schechter, 48, is Executive Vice President and President, Global Human Health of Merck & Co., Inc. located in Whitehouse Station, New Jersey and serves on the board of directors for the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations. He is a Board Member for Water.org and an Executive Board Member for the National Alliance for Hispanic Health. Mr. Schechter is also a member of Global 50, and has been a member of the National Pharmaceutical Committee, the Healthcare Leadership Council, the Philadelphia CEO Chamber of Commerce Leadership Group, and on the boards of Merial and the Merck/Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals joint ventures.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On March 11, 2013, Labcorp issued the press release attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 announcing the appointment of Mr. Schechter.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release issued by the Company March 11, 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

March 11, 2013

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release issued by the Company March 11, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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LABCORP ANNOUNCES CHANGE TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Adam H. Schechter Named to the Board of Directors Effective April 1, 2013

Burlington, NC, March 11, 2013 - Laboratory Corporation of America® Holdings (LabCorp®) (NYSE:LH) today announced that Adam H. Schechter, Executive Vice President and President, Global Human Health, Merck, has been appointed to its Board of Directors, effective April 1, 2013.

“We are delighted that Adam, one of the most senior executives at a global healthcare leader in prescription medicines, vaccines, biologic therapies, and consumer care, has accepted our invitation to join the LabCorp Board of Directors,” said David P. King, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. “His extensive business and management experience at Merck includes global and U.S.-focused roles in sales and marketing, as well as business and product development. Adam's capabilities will bring a unique and invaluable perspective to LabCorp as we continue to execute on our five pillar business strategy.”

Mr. Schechter joined Merck in 1988 as a sales representative and has held a number of professional, managerial and executive roles in Merck's global pharmaceuticals business. He is a member of Merck's executive committee and pharmaceutical and vaccines operating committee. Prior to becoming President, Global Human Health, Mr. Schechter served as President, Global Pharmaceutical Business from 2007 to 2010. Mr. Schechter serves on the board of directors for the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations. He is a Board Member for Water.org and an Executive Board Member for the National Alliance for Hispanic Health. Mr. Schechter is also a member of Global 50, and has been a member of the National Pharmaceutical Committee, the Healthcare Leadership Council, the Philadelphia CEO Chamber of Commerce Leadership Group, and on the boards of Merial and the Merck/Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals joint ventures.

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 \$5.7 billion in 2012, over 34,000 employees worldwide, and more than 220,000 clients, LabCorp offers more than 4,000 tests ranging from routine blood analyses to reproductive genetics to companion diagnostics. LabCorp furthers its scientific expertise and innovative clinical testing technology through its Specialty Testing Group: The Center for Molecular Biology and Pathology, National Genetics Institute, ViroMed Laboratories, Inc, The Center for Esoteric Testing, Litholink Corporation, Integrated Genetics, Integrated Oncology, DIANON Systems, Inc, Monogram Biosciences, Inc, Colorado Coagulation, Cellmark Forensics, MedTox, and Endocrine Sciences. LabCorp conducts clinical trials testing through its LabCorp Clinical Trials division. LabCorp clients include physicians, government agencies, managed care organizations, hospitals, clinical labs, and pharmaceutical companies. To learn more about our company, visit our Web site at: www.labcorp.com.

This press release contains forward-looking statements. Each of the 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. Actual results could differ materially from those suggested by these forward-looking statements. 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, 2012, and subsequent SEC filings.

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