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

OCTOBER 22, 2001 \_\_\_\_\_ (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	(Commission	(IRS Employer
jurisdiction of	File Number)	Identification
incorporation)		Number)

358 SOUTH MAIN STREET, BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 27215 \_\_\_\_\_ (Address of principal executive offices)

#### 336-229-1127 \_\_\_\_\_

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Summary information of the Company dated October 22, 2001.

## 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, General Counsel, Secretary and Compliance Officer

Date: October 22, 2001

This information 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 forwardlooking 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, 2000 and subsequent filings.

Profile of LabCorp

- Nationwide network of 24 primary testing locations and 900 patient service centers - Conducts tests on 280,000 specimens daily
- Offers more than 4,000 test procedures

- Serves over 200,000 physicians and other health care providers - More than 19,000 employees nationwide The Clinical Laboratory Testing Market US market is approximately \$32-34 billion CLINICAL LABORATORY TESTING INDEPENDENT CLINICAL LABORATORIES 49% All others Hospitals 85% Independent Clinical Labs 39% LabCorp(\$1.919b) 15% Physician Offices 128 Source: Company estimates, industry reports & 2000YE revenue for LabCorp 2001 Strategic Goals - Maintain national coverage for all key customers - Expand upon leading position in genomic testing - Evaluate appropriate acquisition candidates - Continue to move to single billing system Genomic Strategy Utilize DNA testing leadership to execute genomic leadership strategy - Targeted introduction of new tests - Acquire innovative technology - License/Partner to expand menu Genomic Strategy (Update) ACQUISITION INTERNAL. LICENSE/PARTNER -----\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ VIRCO: CMBP: NGI: - Infectious Disease - HIV Genotyping & - Cancer Hepatitis C - Genetics Phenotyping - Infectious Disease - Cancer: (GENOSURE) Melanoma VIROLOGICS: Breast - HIV Phenotyping CLINICAL TRIALS: VIRO-MED: EXACT SCIENCES: - Infectious Disease - Colorectal Cancer - Drug metabolism HIV POSITITVE OUTCOMES: Hepatitis ALPHA: - Extra Capacity (being tested) - PCR Plasma - Real-time PCR CENTER FOR GENETIC SERVICES: - Expanded Genetics Capabilities in Southwest Financial Performance Price & Volumes: Trends by Payor Type YTD SEPT 2000 2001 1999 PPA Accessions PPA Accessions PPA Accessions \$ millions \$ millions \$ millions Client (Physicians)21.6727.022.7027.123.9021.1Patient92.562.3102.872.2111.571.9Third Party27.7511.729.8010.332.378.8 (MC/MD/Insurance) Managed Care - Capitated - Capitated 9.37 8.4 8.89 10.6 - Fee for service 39.28 12.7 42.32 16.0 8.90 8.9 43.24 12.8 -----\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 28.97 26.6 21.1 29.15 27.41 21.7 Total \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ LabCorp Total \$27.35 62.1 \$28.98 66.2 \$30.56 53.5 \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ ====== ====

# YTD SEPT 2000

	Revenue \$Million	Accns 000	%Accns to total	PPA \$
Esoteric: Genomic				
(CMBP/NGI)	94.6	858.5	1.7%	110.24
Other Esoteric (Powell CET)	134.9	3,000.4	6.0%	44.98
Core:	1,203.8	46,181.4	92.3%	26.06
Total:	1,433.3	50,040.3	100.0%	28.64

# Financial Performance

Revenue Analysis by Business Area

		YTD SEPT 2	2001		00 vs 01 PPA
	Revenue \$Million	Accns 000	%Accns to total	PPA \$	Incr/ (Decr)
Esoteric: Genomic (CMBP/NGI)	123.3	1,029.9	1.9%	119.71	8.6%
Other Esoteric (Powell CET)	146.9	3,470.1	6.5%	42.34	(5.9)%
Core:	1,365.8	49,036.3	91.6%	27.85	6.9%
Total:	1,636.0	53,536.3 ======	100.0%	30.56	6.7%

Third Quarter Operating Results

	09/30/00	09/30/01
Revenue	488.1	560.9
Operating Expense	418.8	460.6
Operating Income	69.3	100.3
	=====	=====
Margin	14.2%	17.9%
EBITDA	92.1	125.4
	=====	=====
Margin	18.9%	22.3%
Bad Debt % to revenue	10.2%	9.0%
DSO	70	62

2001 Third Quarter Financial Achievements

- Increased revenues 14.9% (volume 8.6%; price 6.3%)
- Increased EBITDA 36.1%
- Increased diluted EPS 55.3%\*
- Repaid \$412.5 million in outstanding bank debt with proceeds from the issuance of zero coupon convertible subordinated notes
- \* Before extraordinary item and one-time charge for early extinguishment of debt

Nine Month Operating Results

YTD 9/00	YTD 9/01
1,433.3	1,636.0
1,235.4	1,345.8
198.0	290.2
=======	=======
13.8%	17.7%
263.5	363.8
	1,433.3 1,235.4  198.0  13.8%

Margin	18.4%	22.2%
Bad Debt % to revenue	10.2%	9.4%
DSO	70	62

2001 YTD Accomplishments

- Acquired Path Lab in New England
- Acquired Viro-Med in Minneapolis
- Completed two-for-one stock split
- Successful offering of 12.0 million Roche-owned shares
- New managed care agreement with MAMSI
- Entered strategic partnership with EXACT Sciences
- Entered strategic partnership with Alpah Therapeutic Corporation for plasma testing
- First FDA approved HIV and Hepatitis C molecular tests for Plasma Screening ("virtual kits")

2001 Nine Month Financial Achievements

- Increased revenues 14.2% (volume 7.2%; price 7.0%)
- Increased EBITDA 38.1%
- Increased diluted EPS 57.1%\*
- DSO decline of 6 days from December 2000
- Repaid all outstanding bank debt with \$500 million raised by issuance of convertible subordinated notes
- \* Before extraordinary item and one-time charge for early extinguishment of debt

Quarterly DSO Trend DSO Trend December '97 through September '01

December 1997	- 79	days	June 2000	-	70 days
December 1998	- 83	days	September 2000	-	70 days
March 1999	- 83	days	December 2000	-	68 days
June 1999	- 79	days	March 2001	-	67 days
September 1999	- 76	days	June 2001	-	64 days
December 1999	- 74	days	September 2001	-	62 days
March 2000	- 72	davs			

# Financial Goals for 2001

- Increase overall revenues by approximately 13.5% compared to 2000
- Bad debt rate of 9.0% of sales in fourth quarter
- EBITDA margins of approximately 21% of sales
- EPS growth of approximately 55% compared to 2000
- Lower DSO to the mid 60's range

Financial Goals for 2002

- Increase overall revenues by approximately 12% compared
- to 2001
- Bad debt rate of 9.0% of sales
- EPS growth of approximately 33% compared to 2001 under existing accounting rules
- Lower DSO to the 60 day range
- Nonamortization of goodwill impact of \$26 million, with increase in diluted EPS of approximately \$0.36

## Opportunity for Investors

- A proven strategy for growth
- LabCorp is a pioneer in identifying and commercializing innovative technologies-the first to fully embrace molecular diagnostics
- LabCorp's national infrastructure connects large scale proficiency with wide scale technological expertise
- New advances in scientific research will generate growth and demand for molecular testing
- Strong balance sheet

Other Financial Information September 30, 2001 (\$ in millions, except per share amounts)

	Q1 01	Q2 01	Q3 01
Depreciation Amortization Goodwill amortization Diluted EPS before goodwill amortization Capital expenditures Cash flows from operations Bad debt as a percentage of sales Effective interest rate on debt Days sales outstanding	\$12.7 \$64.5 9.70%	\$10.9 \$7.8 \$0.84 \$20.9 \$74.2 9.40% 5.67%	\$ 9.1 \$ 6.6 \$ 0.82 \$ 25.4 \$113.7
Other Financial Information September 30, 2001 (\$ in millions,except per share amounts)	YTD Sept 01		
Depreciation Amortization Goodwill amortization Diluted EPS before goodwill amortization Capital expenditures Cash flows from operations Bad debt as a percentage of sales Effective interest rate on debt Days sales outstanding	\$ 43.7 \$ 29.9 \$ 20.4 \$ 2.36 \$ 59.0 \$252.4 9.36% N/A 62		