

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 16, 2000

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(Date of earliest event reported)

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	1-11353	13-3757370
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification Number)

358 SOUTH MAIN STREET, BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 27215

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(Address of principal executive offices)

336-229-1127

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On October 16, 2000, Laboratory Corporation of America -Registered  
Trademark- Holdings (LabCorp -Registered Trademark-) announced today  
that Roche Holdings, Inc. (Roche), a subsidiary of Hoffmann-La Roche of  
Switzerland and the current owner of 44% of LabCorp's common stock, on  
October 13, 2000 sold 3,625,000 shares of LabCorp in a SEC-registered  
public offering through underwriters led by Credit Suisse First Boston.

The offering also included 150,000 shares sold by two LabCorp  
officers. If the underwriters exercise the option to purchase an  
additional 375,000 shares from Roche to cover over-allotments, Roche's  
holding would be reduced to approximately 32%.

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

- (c) Exhibit  
20 Press release of the Company dated  
October 16, 2000.

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

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(Registrant)

By:/s/ BRADFORD T.SMITH

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Bradford T. Smith  
Executive Vice President,  
General Counsel, Secretary

and Compliance Officer

Date: October 16, 2000

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ROCHE HOLDINGS, INC. COMPLETES SALE OF  
3.625 MILLION SHARES OF LABCORP-REGISTERED TRADEMARK- COMMON  
STOCK

Burlington, NC, October 16, 2000 - Laboratory Corporation of America - Registered Trademark- Holdings (NYSE: LH) (LabCorp-Registered Trademark-) announced today that Roche Holdings, Inc. (Roche), a subsidiary of Hoffmann-La Roche of Switzerland and the current owner of 44% of LabCorp's common stock, on October 13, 2000 sold 3,625,000 shares of LabCorp in a SEC-registered public offering through underwriters led by Credit Suisse First Boston.

The offering also included 150,000 shares sold by two LabCorp officers. If the underwriters exercise the option to purchase an additional 75,000 shares from Roche to cover over-allotments, Roche's holding would be reduced to approximately 32%.

LabCorp is a national clinical laboratory with annual revenues of \$1.7 billion in 1999. Its clients include physicians, state and federal government, managed care organizations, hospitals, clinics, pharmaceutical and Fortune 1000 companies, and other clinical laboratories.

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