

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

May 4, 2000

(Date of earliest event reported)

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

(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

(Address of principal executive offices)

336-229-1127

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On May 4, 2000, Laboratory Corporation of America-Registered Trademark-Holdings (LabCorp-Registered Trademark-) announced that it entered into a definitive agreement with San Diego-based Pathology Medical Laboratories (PML) to acquire PML's laboratory testing business. The transaction is scheduled to be finalized on or about June 1, 2000, and is contingent on the satisfaction of certain conditions. Terms of the definitive agreement were not disclosed.

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

- (c) Exhibit
20 Press release of the Company dated
May 4, 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

(Registrant)

By:/s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH

Bradford T. Smith
Executive Vice President,
General Counsel, Secretary
and Compliance Officer

Date: May 19, 2000

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LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA-REGISTERED TRADEMARK- ANNOUNCES
DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE SAN DIEGO-BASED PATHOLOGY MEDICAL
LABORATORIES

Third California Acquisition This Year Continues LabCorp's West
Coast Expansion

Burlington, NC, May 4, 2000 - Laboratory Corporation of America-Registered Trademark- Holdings (LabCorp-Registered Trademark-) (NYSE:LH) today announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement with San Diego-based Pathology Medical Laboratories (PML) to acquire PML's laboratory testing business. The transaction is scheduled to be finalized on or about June 1, 2000, and is contingent on the satisfaction of certain conditions. Terms of the definitive agreement were not disclosed.

"The combination of LabCorp and PML will further strengthen our laboratory services in Southern California with additional testing and patient service sites," said Richard L. Novak, executive vice president and chief operating officer of LabCorp. "Our recent acquisitions in this key region continue to improve capacity utilization as we move to broadly offer the latest testing and information technologies available today."

Laboratory Corporation of America-Registered Trademark- Holdings (LabCorp-Registered Trademark-) is a national clinical laboratory with annual revenues of \$1.7 billion in 1999. With 18,000 employees and over 100,000 clients nationwide, the Company offers more than 2,000 clinical tests ranging from simple blood analyses to sophisticated molecular diagnostics. LabCorp leverages its expertise in innovative clinical testing technology with three Centers of Excellence. The Center for Molecular Biology and Pathology, in Research Triangle Park (RTP), North Carolina, develops applications for polymerase chain reaction (PCR) technology. Its Center for Occupational Testing in RTP is the world's largest substance abuse testing facility, and the 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, 1999 and subsequent SEC filings.

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