

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

NOVEMBER 6, 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

Laboratory Corporation of America -Registered Trademark-
Holdings (LabCorp -Registered Trademark-)(NYSE:LH) announced
that its Houston toxicology laboratory has received
certification from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration (SAMHSA) for workplace drug testing.
With five major SAMHSA certified centers across the United
States, LabCorp is a leading laboratory provider of occupational
drug testing.

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

(c) Exhibit
20 Press release of the Company dated November 6,
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: November 7, 2000

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LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA'S-REGISTERED TRADEMARK-
HOUSTON TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY RECEIVES CERTIFICATION FROM
SAMHSA

Burlington, NC, November 6, 2000 - Laboratory Corporation of America-Registered Trademark- Holdings (LabCorp-Registered Trademark-) (NYSE: LH) announced today that its Houston toxicology laboratory has received certification from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for workplace drug testing. With five major SAMHSA certified centers across the United States, LabCorp is a leading laboratory provider of occupational drug testing. The certification of LabCorp's Houston facility brings together the company's strategic goal to provide accurate, fast and dependable occupational testing services. Bridging the company's network of SAMHSA laboratories on the east and west coast, LabCorp will be well positioned to provide enhanced service levels through improved company logistics, reinforced disaster recovery plans, standardized computer systems, and a national service call center.

"We are excited that our Houston facility has received this important certification," said Randy Simmons, Senior Vice President for LabCorp's occupational testing services division. "Its addition complements our growth strategies for this division by creating a fifth, strategically placed SAMHSA laboratory. With Houston's certification, we will acquire expanded capacities to service our customers in both the public and private sectors." LabCorp began substance abuse testing in 1982 and in 1988, two of its laboratories were among the first ten laboratories in the United States to be certified by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), now the National Laboratory Certification Program. In addition to the Houston location, LabCorp's SAMHSA network also includes laboratories in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, one of LabCorp's Centers of Excellence, as well as San Diego, Memphis, and Raritan, New Jersey.

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 its 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, and National Genetics Institute in Los Angeles is an industry leader in developing novel, highly sensitive PCR methods for testing hepatitis C and other infectious agents. Its Center for Occupational Testing in RTP is one of the world's largest substance abuse testing facilities, 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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