

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

July 20, 2007  
(Date of earliest event reported)

**LABORATORY CORPORATION OF  
AMERICA HOLDINGS**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**DELAWARE**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-11353**

(Commission  
File Number)

**13-3757370**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**358 SOUTH MAIN STREET,  
BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**27215**

(Zip Code)

**336-229-1127**

(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

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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 Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On July 20, 2007, Laboratory Corporation of America<sup>®</sup> Holdings (LabCorp<sup>®</sup>) (NYSE: LH) announced that it has named Don Hardison to the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. The appointment will become effective September 4, 2007.

Mr. Hardison, age 56, has served as President, Chief Executive Officer and Director for EXACT Sciences Corporation since June 2001 and as President and Director from May 2000 to June 2001. From August 1998 to April 2000, Mr. Hardison was Managing Partner for Siebel Systems, Inc. From January 1996 to February 1998, Mr. Hardison was Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Quest Diagnostics Inc. From April 1978 to December 1995, Mr. Hardison held various positions at SmithKline Beecham Corporation.

Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated July 20, 2007

**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)

Date: July 23, 2007

By: /s/Bradford T. Smith  
Bradford T. Smith, Executive Vice President  
and Secretary

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**LABCORP NAMES CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

**Burlington, NC, July 19, 2007** — Laboratory Corporation of America® Holdings (LabCorp®) (NYSE: LH) today announced that it has named Don Hardison to the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. The appointment will become effective September 4, 2007.

Hardison most recently served as President, Chief Executive Officer and Director for EXACT Sciences Corporation, and previously held various senior management and sales and marketing positions with Siebel Systems, Inc., Quest Diagnostics Inc., SmithKline Beecham Corporation, and SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories, Inc.

“I am delighted to announce this appointment,” said David P. King, President and Chief Executive Officer of LabCorp. “Don brings to this position a strong knowledge of the business, coupled with impressive sales, marketing, strategic, and operational capabilities. His unique ability to create a strong, team-oriented environment will assist the entire organization in continuing to effectively move toward the objectives established in our strategic plan.”

**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 \$3.6 billion in 2006, over 25,000 employees nationwide, and more than 220,000 clients, LabCorp offers clinical assays ranging from routine blood analyses to HIV and genomic testing. LabCorp combines its expertise in innovative clinical testing technology with its Centers of Excellence: The Center for Molecular Biology and Pathology, National Genetics Institute, Inc., ViroMed Laboratories, Inc., The Center for Esoteric Testing, DIANON Systems, Inc., US LABS, and Esoterix and its Colorado Coagulation, Endocrine Sciences, and Cytometry Associates laboratories. LabCorp clients include physicians, government agencies, managed care organizations, hospitals, clinical labs, and pharmaceutical companies. To learn more about our growing organization, visit our Web site at: [www.labcorp.com](http://www.labcorp.com).

*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. 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, 2006, and subsequent SEC filings.*