

LABRANCHE & CO INC
Form 8-K
January 23, 2004

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**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **January 23, 2004**

LaBRANCHE & CO INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-15251
(Commission
File Number)

13-4064735
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One Exchange Plaza, New York, New York, 10006
(Address of principal executive offices)

10006
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 425-1144**

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events

On January 23, 2004 LaBranche & Co Inc. announced that it received a Wells Notice from the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission. A copy of the press release issued by the company is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired.

None.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

None.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release issued by LaBranche & Co Inc. dated January 23, 2004.

All other Items of this report are inapplicable.

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.

LaBranche & Co Inc.

Date: January 23, 2004

By:

/s/ Harvey S.

Traison

Name: Harvey S. Traison

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Description of Exhibit

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