

LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS
Form 8-K
October 30, 2002

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 30, 2002,

(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 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Summary information of the Company dated October 30, 2002.

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

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Executive Vice President
and Secretary

Date: October 30, 2002

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Laboratory Testing Overview

- 3-4% of health care spending
- Influences/directs 80% of health care spending
- Growing market
- Role and importance of testing are increasing

LabCorp's Industry-leading Financial Indicators

- EBITDA Percentage of Sales: 22.3% in Q3
- Strong Balance Sheet
- Investment Grade Credit Rating

The Clinical Laboratory Testing Market

US market is approximately \$34-36 billion

CLINICAL LABORATORY TESTING

Hospitals	49%
Independent Clinical Labs	39%
Physician Offices	12%

INDEPENDENT CLINICAL LABORATORIES

All others	82%
LabCorp (\$2.44b)	18%

Source: Company estimates, industry reports & 2001YE revenue for LabCorp and Dynacare

MAP OF COMBINED TESTING LOCATIONS & PSC's (Includes Dynacare)

LabCorp's Strategy

Expand leadership position in genomic testing by utilizing our national infrastructure (anchored by core testing) to offer a broad menu of genomic tests

Strategic Approach

- 1) Develop/Be First to Offer New Tests (Internal/External)

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- HER2/neu
- HPV
- HIV/HCV
- Cystic fibrosis

2) License New Tests and Methods

- Celera (breast and prostate cancer, Alzheimer's)
- EXACT Sciences (colon cancer)
- Myriad Genetics (breast, ovarian cancer)
- VIRCO (HIV phenotyping)

3) Acquisitions

- National Genetics Institute (plasma testing, clinical studies)
- ViroMed (lyme disease, West Nile virus)

Expectations from Strategy

- Ensure long-term growth
- Shift toward higher priced tests and services
- Volumes are lower, profitability higher
- Must understand volume versus price relationship (balance)

Financial Performance

Price & Volumes: Trends by Payor Type

	2000		2001		YTD SEPT 2002	
	PPA	Accessions	PPA	Accessions	PPA	Accessions
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	\$	millions	\$	millions	\$	millions
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Client (Physicians)	22.70	27.1	24.46	27.9	25.99	22.2
Patient	102.87	2.2	111.28	2.5	119.00	1.7
Third Party	29.80	10.3	31.59	12.2	32.49	10.7
(MC/MD/Insurance)						
Managed Care						
- Capitated	8.89	10.6	8.90	11.9	9.28	9.6
- Fee for service	42.32	16.0	43.45	17.2	44.72	14.4
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Total	28.97	26.6	29.27	29.1	30.52	24.0
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LabCorp Total	\$28.98	66.2	\$30.69	71.7	\$31.71	58.6
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Financial Performance

Revenue Analysis by Business Area

	YTD SEPT 2001			
	Revenue	Accns	%Accns	PPA
	\$Million	000	to total	\$
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Prior Genomic	123.9	1,029.6	1.9%	120.38
Add'l Genomic*	83.6	2,009.5	3.8%	41.63
Other Esoteric	166.5	4,158.0	7.8%	40.04
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All Esoteric:	374.0	7,197.1	13.5%	51.98

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Core:	1,262.0	46,336.3	86.5%	27.23
Total:	1,636.0	53,533.4	100.0%	30.56

	YTD SEPT 2002				02 vs 01
	Revenue \$Million	Accns 000	%Accns to total	PPA \$	PPA Incr/ (Decr)
Prior Genomic	148.8	1,304.0	2.2%	114.13	(5.2)%
Add'l Genomic*	96.4	2,389.3	4.1%	40.36	(3.0)%
Other Esoteric	183.3	4,434.1	7.6%	41.32	3.2%
All Esoteric:	428.5	8,127.4	13.9%	52.72	1.4%
Core:	1,429.1	50,451.5	86.1%	28.33	4.0%
Total:	1,857.6	58,578.9	100.0%	31.71	3.8%

* Includes identity testing and gene probes (chlamydia and gonorrhea)

Third Quarter Operating Results (\$ in millions)

	9/30/01	9/30/02
Revenue	560.9	655.2
Operating Expense	460.6	541.5
Operating Income	100.3	113.7
Margin	17.9%	17.4%
EBITDA	125.3	145.9
Margin	22.3%	22.3%
Bad Debt % to revenue	9.00%	8.40%
DSO	62	56

1) Q3 02 results above exclude restructuring and other one-time charges relating to the Dynacare transaction.

2002 Third Quarter Financial Achievements

- Increased revenues per day 15.0% (volume 11.4%; price 3.6%)
- EBITDA margins of 22.3%
- Increased diluted EPS 12.2%*
- Operating cash flow of \$121.1 million

*Before special charges, compared to pro forma prior year EPS, after the required change in goodwill accounting and special items.

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Nine Month Operating Results (\$ in millions)

	YTD 9/01 -----	YTD 9/02 -----
Revenue	1,636.0	1,857.6
Operating Expense	1,345.8	1,493.4
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Operating Income	290.2	364.2
	-----	-----
Margin	17.7%	19.6%
EBITDA	363.8	439.9
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Margin	22.2%	23.7%
Bad Debt % to revenue	9.0%	8.4%
DSO	62	56

1) YTD 02 results above exclude restructuring and other one-time charges relating to the Dynacare transaction.

2002 Nine Month Financial Achievements

- Increased revenues 13.5% (volume 9.5%; price 4.0%)
- EBITDA margins of 23.7%
- Increased diluted EPS 24.6%*
- Operating cash flow of \$326.4 million
- DSO decline of 6 days from Sept 2001

*Before special charges, compared to pro forma prior year EPS, after the required change in goodwill accounting and special items.

Quarterly DSO Trend

DSO Trend December '97 through September '02

December 1997 - 79 days	September 2000 - 70 days
December 1998 - 83 days	December 2000 - 68 days
March 1999 - 83 days	March 2001 - 67 days
June 1999 - 79 days	June 2001 - 64 days
September 1999 - 76 days	September 2001 - 62 days
December 1999 - 74 days	December 2001 - 58 days
March 2000 - 72 days	March 2002 - 60 days
June 2000 - 70 days	June 2002 - 58 days
	September 2002 - 56 days

Recent Accomplishments

- Preferred provider contract with Premier
- Completed acquisition of Dynacare and Immunodiagnostic Laboratories (N. California)
- Established \$150 million stock repurchase program

Financial Guidance for 2002*

- Revenue growth of approximately 14% compared to 2001 (approximately 10.5% volume and 3.5% price)
- Adjusted EBITDA margins of approximately 22.5% of sales (including EBITDA from Dynacare equity investments)
- EPS of approximately \$1.83

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- Bad debt rate of approximately 8.4% of sales in the fourth quarter
- Free cash flow of approximately \$350 million (net of Cap Ex of approximately \$85 million)
- Net interest expense of \$15.5 million
- A tax rate of approximately 41.5% in the fourth quarter

*Including the impact of Dynacare, but not including restructuring charges related to that acquisition

Preliminary Financial Guidance for 2003

- Increase overall revenues by approximately 13% to 14% compared to 2002
- EPS growth of approximately 20% compared to 2002

Opportunity for Investors

- Long-term industry trends appear favorable
- Visible growth drivers
- Low P/E relative to market valuations
- Significant free cash flow - multiple opportunities to increase shareholder value
- Solid growth potential driven by genomic strategy

Other Financial Information

September 30, 2002

(\$ in millions)

	Q1 02	Q2 02	Q3 02	YTD Sept-02
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Depreciation	\$ 16.1	\$ 17.1	\$ 19.2	\$ 52.4
Amortization	\$ 5.1	\$ 5.2	\$ 6.1	\$ 16.4
Capital expenditures	\$ 18.4	\$ 19.5	\$ 17.0	\$ 54.9
Cash flows from operations	\$112.2	\$ 93.1	\$121.1	\$326.4
Bad debt as a percentage of sales	8.75%	8.75%	8.40%	8.63%
Effective interest rate on debt	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	N/A
Days sales outstanding	60	58	56	56