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May 20, 2004

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 20, 2004

(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

On May 20, 2004, Laboratory Corporation of America -Registered Trademark- Holdings (LabCorp -Registered Trademark-) (NYSE:LH) announced the offering of the only buccal swab test for alpha 1-antitrypsin (AAT) deficiency, the most common, modifiable genetic factor leading to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), the fourth leading cause of death in the United States.

99.1 Press release of the Company dated May 20, 2004.

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.

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(Registrant)

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By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH

Bradford T. Smith
Executive Vice President
and Secretary

Date: May 20, 2004