

LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS  
Form 8-K  
December 01, 2005

**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 30, 2005  
(Date of earliest event reported)

**LABORATORY CORPORATION OF  
AMERICA HOLDINGS**

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(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)

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

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

**27215**

**336-229-1127**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip  
Code)

(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 November 30, 2005 Laboratory Corporation of America® Holdings (LabCorp®) announced that its Chief Operating Officer, Richard L. Novak has decided to retire on December 31, 2006. LabCorp also announced that Mr. Novak will step down as COO effective December 1, 2005. Until his retirement, he will fill the position of Executive Vice President, Office of Strategic Planning and Corporate Development. Rich will also assist David P. King as he transitions into the Chief Operating Officer position.

Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated November 30, 2005

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**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: December 1, 2005

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