

SPECIALTY LABORATORIES INC
Form 8-K
November 02, 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**

Date of report: **November 2, 2004**

(Date of earliest event reported)

Specialty Laboratories, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-16217
(Commission File Number)

95-2961036
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

2211 Michigan Avenue, Santa Monica, California
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

90404
(Zip Code)

(310) 828-6543
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

 - o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On October 28, 2004, the Company entered into a multi-source group purchasing agreement with Premier Purchasing Partners, L.P., which operates the group purchasing programs of Premier, Inc. Under the agreement, the Registrant is named as an authorized provider of laboratory services to make reference testing services available to the more than 1,500 hospitals and hundreds of other healthcare facilities.

Item 7.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

On November 2, 2004, the Company issued a press release announcing a supplier agreement with Premier Purchasing Partners, L.P., which operates the group purchasing programs of Premier, Inc. The agreement is effective from January 1, 2005 to September 30, 2007. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Limitation on Incorporation by Reference: In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this report is furnished under Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liability of that section.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibit. The following document is filed as an exhibit to this report.

99.1 Press Release dated November 2, 2004.

SIGNATURE

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.

Dated: November 2, 2004

SPECIALTY LABORATORIES, INC.

By: /s/ Kevin R. Sayer
Kevin R. Sayer
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

The following document is filed as an exhibit to this report:

Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated November 2, 2004