SPECIALTY LABORATORIES INC Form 8-K April 21, 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) April 21, 2004

Specialty Laboratories, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in 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

90404 (Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

ITEM 7 <u>FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS</u>

(c) <u>Exhibits</u> The following document is filed as an exhibit to this report:

99.1 Press Release dated April 21, 2004.

ITEM 9 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

ITEM 12 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On April 21, 2004, Specialty Laboratories, Inc., (the Registrant) announced financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2004. A copy of the press release issued by the Registrant on April 21, 2004 concerning the foregoing matter is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Excharundersigned thereunto duly authorized.	nge Act of 1934, the Reg	istrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the		
	Specialty La	boratories, Inc.		
	By:	/s/ NICHOLAS R. SIMMONS		
Date: April 21, 2004		Nicholas R. Simmons,		
	Vice Preside	Vice President and General Counsel		

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