

ABBOTT LABORATORIES
Form 8-K
July 12, 2007

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

July 11, 2007
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

ABBOTT LABORATORIES

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Illinois
(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-2189
(Commission File Number)

36-0698440
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

100 Abbott Park Road

Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6400

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(847) 937-6100**

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:

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- 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 1.02 Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.

On July 11, 2007, Abbott Laboratories announced that Abbott and General Electric Company have mutually agreed to terminate their contract for the sale of Abbott's core laboratory and point-of-care diagnostics businesses to GE. The contract was entered on January 18, 2007 and reported on a Form 8-K filed on January 24, 2007. The two companies were unable to agree on final terms and conditions of the proposed sale.

A copy of the press release announcing the termination of the contract is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
99.1	Press Release, July 11, 2007

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.

Abbott Laboratories

Date: July 12, 2007

By:

/s/ Thomas C. Freyman
Thomas C. Freyman
Executive Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial
Officer

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99.1	Press Release, July 11, 2007

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