

LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS
Form 8-K
January 24, 2008

**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

January 24, 2008
(Date of earliest event reported)

**LABORATORY CORPORATION OF
AMERICA HOLDINGS**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE

1-11353

13-3757370

(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

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip
Code)

(Registrant's telephone number including area
code)

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ITEM 1.01. Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement

On January 24, 2008, Laboratory Corporation of America® Holdings (LabCorp®) (NYSE: LH) and Tandem Labs, a leading bioanalytical and immunoanalytical contract research organization (CRO) supporting pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies with their discovery, preclinical, and clinical drug development programs, announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement under which LabCorp will acquire all of the outstanding shares of Tandem Labs and its parent company NWT Inc. Tandem Labs will continue to operate under its existing name with its current employee and management structure, as a member

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of the Esoterix clinical trials group at LabCorp. The transaction, which is subject to regulatory approval, is expected to close in the first quarter of 2008. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated January 24, 2008

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: January 24, 2008

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