

SPECIALTY LABORATORIES INC

Form 8-K

July 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) **July 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
(Address of principal executive offices)

90404
(Zip Code)

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

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

ITEM 7 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

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

99.1 Press Release dated July 21, 2004.

ITEM 9 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

ITEM 12 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On July 21, 2004, Specialty Laboratories, Inc., (the Registrant) announced financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2004. A copy of the press release issued by the Registrant on July 21, 2004 concerning the foregoing matter is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Specialty Laboratories, Inc.

Date: July 21, 2004

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

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