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 (Date of earliest event reported): November 1, 2004

AMERIPATH, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

000-22313 (Commission File Number) 65-0642485 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

7289 Garden Road

Suite 200

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Riviera Beach, Florida (Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (561) 712-6200

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below 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):

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement

On November 1, 2004, AmeriPath, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), St. Luke s Pathology Associates, Inc., a Missouri corporation (St. Luke s) and the shareholders of St. Luke s entered into and simultaneously closed a Stock Purchase Agreement (the Purchase Agreement). The Purchase Agreement provides for the purchase by the Company of all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of St. Luke s for aggregate consideration of up to approximately \$4.8 million, which includes the assumption of certain liabilities. The purchase price was paid with existing working capital. The Purchase Agreement contained representations and warranties of the parties and other customary provisions and ancillary documents.

The foregoing description of the terms of the Purchase Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Purchase Agreement, which the Company intends to file as an exhibit to its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 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 thereunto duly authorized.

AMERIPATH, INC.

By:

/s/ David L. Redmond

David L. Redmond Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and duly

authorized to sign this report on behalf of the

Registrant)

Date: November 5, 2004