

SPECIALTY LABORATORIES INC

Form 8-K

February 18, 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) **February 18, 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.)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

The following document is filed as an exhibit to this report:

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Press Release dated February 18, 2004.

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REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On February 18, 2004, Specialty Laboratories, Inc., (the Registrant) announced financial results for the fourth quarter and total year ended December 31, 2003. A copy of the press release issued by the Registrant on February 18, 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: February 18, 2004

By: */s/ Frank J.
Spina*
Frank J. Spina,
Chief Financial Officer

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