

LABRANCHE & CO INC  
Form 8-K  
April 23, 2004

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **April 23, 2004**

## LaBRANCHE & CO INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-15251**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**13-4064735**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Exchange Plaza, New York, New York, 10006**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10006**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 425-1144**

**Not Applicable**

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

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**Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure**

On April 23, 2004, LaBranche & Co Inc. announced that it proposes to make a Rule 144A offering of \$460 million in aggregate principal amount of senior notes due 2009 and senior notes due 2012. LaBranche & Co Inc. also announced that it is extending the expiration date of the tender offer for all its outstanding 9-1/2% Senior Notes due August 2004 and all its 12% Senior Subordinated Notes due March 2007 to midnight, New York City time, on Monday, May 10, 2004 unless further extended by LaBranche & Co Inc. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On April 23, 2004, LaBranche & Co Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the first quarter of 2004. The information set forth in the press release issued by LaBranche & Co Inc., attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2, is incorporated herein by reference.

*Limitation on Incorporation by Reference*

In accordance with General Instruction B.6 of Form 8-K, the information in this report shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

All other Items of this report are inapplicable.

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.

LaBranche & Co Inc.

Date: April 23, 2004

By: /s/ Harvey S. Traison  
Name: Harvey S. Traison  
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description of Exhibit</b>  |
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| 99.1               | Press release issued by LaBranche & Co Inc. announcing its proposal to commence a Rule 144A offering of its senior notes due 2009 and senior notes due 2012 and the extension of the expiration date of the tender offer for its 9-1/2% Notes and its 12% Notes, dated April 23, 2004. |
| 99.2               | Press release issued by LaBranche & Co Inc. regarding its financial results for the first quarter of 2004, dated April 23, 2004.   |