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January 14, 2005

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): January 12, 2005

PROTEIN DESIGN LABS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-19756

(Commission File No.)

94-3023969

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

34801 Campus Drive Fremont, California 94555

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (510) 574-1400

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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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 12, 2005, the Company issued a press release (the Press Release) updating its financial guidance for the full year 2004 from that provided on November 1, 2004. The Press Release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information

To supplement the information that is presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), in our historical information for the period presented as well as our forward-looking guidance in the press release and conference call, we provide certain non-GAAP financial measures that exclude from the directly comparable GAAP measures certain non-cash charges, including charges related to acquisitions such as acquired in-process research and development and amortization of workforce as well as stock compensation expense. We believe that these non-GAAP measures enhance an investor s overall understanding of our financial performance and future prospects by reconciling more closely to the actual cash expenses of the Company in its operations as well as excluding expenses that in management s view are unrelated to our core operations, the inclusion of which may make it more difficult for investors and financial analysts reporting on the Company to compare our results from period to period. Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information presented in compliance with GAAP, and non-GAAP financial measures as reported by the Company may not be comparable to similarly titled items reported by other companies.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

The Press Release also provides updates of the status of clinical development programs and partnering objectives. The Press Release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release, issued by Protein Design Labs, Inc. on January 12, 2005.

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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.

Date: January 12, 2005

PROTEIN DESIGN LABS, INC.

By: /s/ Sergio Garcia-Rodriguez

Sergio Garcia-Rodriguez Vice President, Legal, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary