

SPECIALTY LABORATORIES INC  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2004

**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: **October 20, 2004**

(Date of earliest event reported)

**Specialty Laboratories, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its 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)

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

Check the appropriate box 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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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: October 20, 2004

SPECIALTY LABORATORIES, INC.

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

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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

**Exhibits**

99.1 Press Release dated October 20, 2004