

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL INC

Form 8-K

September 23, 2011

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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): September 23, 2011

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-15943

(Commission File Number)

06-1397316

(IRS Employer Identification  
No.)

251 Ballardvale Street  
Wilmington, Massachusetts  
(Address of Principal  
Executive Offices)

01887  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (781) 222-6000

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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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



Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

On September 23, 2011, Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. ("Charles River" or the "Company") amended and restated its existing credit agreement with certain financial institutions and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as administrative agent (the "Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement"). The Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (1) modified the interest rates applicable to the term loans and the revolving loans based on the Company's leverage ratio, (2) extended the maturity date for the facilities by about one year and (3) made certain other amendments. The obligations of Charles River under the Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement are guaranteed by Charles River's material domestic subsidiaries and are secured by substantially all of the assets of Charles River and the guarantors, including a pledge of 100% of the capital stock of the domestic subsidiaries (other than the capital stock of any domestic subsidiary that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes ("Disregarded Entities")) and 65% of the capital stock of certain first-tier foreign subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities, and mortgages on owned real property in the U.S. having a book value in excess of \$10 million.

The Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement provides for up to approximately \$750 million in financing, including an approximately \$400 million term loan facility and a \$350 million U.S. revolving facility. A portion of the term loan facility and the revolving facility is available in euros to a Netherlands-based subsidiary of the Company. The term loan facility matures in 20 quarterly installments with the last installment due September 23, 2016. The revolving facility matures on September 23, 2016 and requires no scheduled payment before that date. Under specified circumstances, the Company has the ability to increase the term loans and/or revolving line of credit under the Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement by up to \$250 million in the aggregate. The interest rates applicable to term loans and revolving loans under the credit agreement are, at the Company's option, equal to either the base rate (which is the higher of (1) the prime rate, (2) the federal funds rate plus 0.50% or (3) the one-month adjusted LIBOR rate) or the adjusted LIBOR rate plus an interest rate margin based upon the Company's leverage ratio.

The interest rates applicable to term loans and revolving loans under the Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement are lower than the interest rates under the existing facilities reflecting current market conditions.

In addition to the scheduled repayments, Charles River is required to prepay the term loans with the following amounts:

- 100% of any net cash proceeds in connection with permitted receivables financings; and
- 100% of the net cash proceeds from certain incurrences of debt, unless the leverage ratio is 2.25:1 or less.

The Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement requires that Charles River comply with an interest coverage ratio test and a leverage ratio test. In addition, the Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement includes negative covenants that will, subject to significant exceptions, limit the ability of Charles River and its subsidiaries to:

- incur, assume or permit to exist additional indebtedness or guarantees;
- incur liens;
- make investments and loans;
- engage in mergers, acquisitions and asset sales;
- enter into agreements limiting subsidiary distributions;
- engage in certain transactions with affiliates, and
- alter the business that they conduct.

The Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement also contains certain customary representations and warranties, affirmative covenants and events of default.

The Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated into this Item 2.03 by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
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10.1	Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 23, 2011, among Charles River Laboratories International, Inc., the Subsidiary Borrower party thereto, the lenders party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as administrative agent and the other agents party thereto.
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### Special Note on Factors Affecting Future Results

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements regarding future events and the future results of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (Charles River) that are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts, and projections about the industries in which Charles River operates and the beliefs and assumptions of our management. Words such as “expect,” “anticipate,” “target,” “goal,” “project,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” “seek,” “estimate,” “may,” “designed,” “would,” “future,” “can,” “could” and other similar expressions that are predictions of or indicate future events and trends or which do not relate to historical matters are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are based on current expectations and beliefs of Charles River and involve a number of risks, uncertainties, and assumptions that are difficult to predict. You should not rely on forward-looking statements because they are predictions and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual results may differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this document or in the case of statements incorporated by reference, on the date of the document incorporated by reference. Factors that might cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 25, 2010 under the section entitled “Our Strategy” and the section entitled “Risks Related to Our Business and Industry,” in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q under the section entitled “Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and in our press releases and other financial filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We have no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or risks. New information, future events or risks may cause the forward-looking events we discuss in this report not to occur.

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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.

Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

Date: September 23, 2011

By: /s/ Matthew Daniel

Name: Matthew Daniel  
Title: Corporate Vice President,  
Deputy General Counsel  
and Assistant Secretary

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