

BIO RAD LABORATORIES INC  
Form 8-K  
December 22, 2004

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# 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: December 21, 2004

(Date of earliest event reported)

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## BIO-RAD LABORATORIES, INC.

(exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Commission File Number: 1-7928

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

94-1381833  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1000 Alfred Nobel Dr.  
Hercules, California 94547

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(Address of Principal executive offices, including zip code)

(510) 724-7000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.**

On December 21, 2004, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the *Company*), completed its offering of \$200,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 6.125% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 (the *Notes*), pursuant to an Offering Circular, dated December 13, 2004. The terms and conditions of the Notes, including a form of the Company's 6.125% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014, and related matters are set forth in the Indenture, dated as of December 21, 2004, between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the *Indenture*), filed as Exhibit 4.1 hereto.

The descriptions of the Indenture and the Notes do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Indenture which is filed as an exhibit to this report and incorporated by reference herein.

**ITEM 2.03 CREATION OF A DIRECT FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OR AN OBLIGATION UNDER AN OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENT OF A REGISTRANT.**

The information set forth in Item 1.01 is incorporated in this Item 2.03 by reference.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|---------------------------|--|
| 4.1                       | Indenture, dated as of December 21, 2004, between Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc. and Wells Fargo National Bank, as trustee |

**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.

BIO-RAD LABORATORIES, INC.

Date: December 22, 2004

By: /s/ Christine A. Tsingos

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Christine A. Tsingos  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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