

SPECIALTY LABORATORIES INC

Form 8-K

March 31, 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: **March 28, 2005**

(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.)

27027 Tourney Road, Valencia, California

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

91355

(Zip Code)

(661) 799-6543

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 1.02 Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement

On March 28, 2005, Specialty Laboratories, Inc. (the Company) opted to eliminate the positions of Senior Vice-President, Strategic Business Development and Vice-President & Chief Science Officer, currently held by Dan R. Angress and Cynthia K. French, Ph.D., respectively. Mr. Angress and Ms. French both have employment contracts with the Company, dated September 11, 2003, which were included as exhibits on Form 10-Q as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 14, 2003 (the Employment Agreements). Mr. Angress and Ms. French were notified on March 28, 2005 that their positions were being eliminated, and that pursuant to Section 2 of their Employment Agreements, the Company was terminating their employment effective April 8, 2005.

Under Section 7 of the Employment Agreements, Mr. Angress and Ms. French are entitled to severance payments for being terminated without cause. Mr. Angress will receive approximately \$270,902.88, representing the equivalent of twelve months of his base salary and an amount equivalent to twelve months of payments for health care insurance continuation under COBRA. Ms. French will receive approximately \$142,636.20, representing the equivalent of nine months of her base salary and an amount equivalent to nine months of payments for health care insurance continuation under COBRA.

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: March 31, 2005

SPECIALTY LABORATORIES, INC.

By: /s/ Nicholas R. Simmons
Nicholas R. Simmons
Vice-President & General Counsel