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ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits.

This exhibit is furnished pursuant to Item 12 hereof and should not be deemed to be "filed" under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

99.1 Press release dated October 28, 2004.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, we have duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Dated: October 28, 2004

By: /s/ Dennis R. Shaughnessy

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Dennis R. Shaughnessy, Senior Vice  
President, Corporate Development,  
General Counsel and Secretary

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