

LABRANCHE & CO INC
Form 8-K
July 26, 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 (Date of earliest event reported) **July 21, 2005**

LaBRANCHE & CO INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-15251
(Commission
File Number)

13-4064735
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One Exchange Plaza, New York, New York
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10006
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 425-1144**

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On July 21, 2005, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of LaBranche & Co Inc. (the Company) exercised its discretion to authorize the payment by the Company of mid-year 2005 cash bonuses to the following named executive officers of the Company in the amounts set forth opposite their respective names:

| Name and Title | Amount of Bonus |
|---|-----------------|
| Michael LaBranche Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President | \$ 600,000 |
| Alfred O. Hayward, Jr. Executive Vice President, Chief Executive Officer of LaBranche & Co. LLC | \$ 400,000 |
| William J. Burke, III Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of LaBranche Financial Services, Inc. | \$ 230,000 |

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 26, 2005, LaBranche & Co Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the second quarter and six months ended June 30, 2005. A copy of this press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Current Report, including the news release attached hereto, is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to liabilities of that Section.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release issued by LaBranche & Co Inc. dated July 26, 2005.

All other Items of this report are inapplicable.

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.

LaBRANCHE & CO INC.

Date: July 26, 2005

By: /s/ Jeffrey M. Chertoff
Name: Jeffrey M. Chertoff
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description of Exhibit |
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| 99.1 | Press release issued by LaBranche & Co Inc. dated July 26, 2005. |