

LABRANCHE & CO INC
Form 8-K
December 20, 2004

**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) **December 17, 2004**

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 8.01. Other Events.

On December 17, 2004, LaBranche & Co Inc. announced receipt of a notice of possible disciplinary action from the NASD's Amex Regulation Division. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated December 17, 2004.

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: December 17, 2004

By: /s/ Harvey S. Traison
Name: Harvey S. Traison
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release dated December 17, 2004.