
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):

October 29, 2008

Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-15943

06-1397316

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

251 Ballardvale St., Wilmington, Massachusetts

01887

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

978-658-6000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On October 29, 2008, the Board of Directors of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (the "Registrant") increased the size of the Board from nine to ten. Following the increase in the size of the Board, the Board filled a vacancy and appointed Dr. Deborah T. Kochevar to the Board, effective immediately. In addition, Dr. Kochevar has been appointed to the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Dr. Kochevar and any other person pursuant to which she was selected as a director, and there are no transactions in which Dr. Kochevar has an interest requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. As an element of the compensation that the Registrant provides to all new non-employee directors, Dr. Kochevar will be receiving non-qualified options to purchase 8,500 shares of the Registrant's common stock, as well as an award of 3,000 shares of restricted stock.

Dr. Kochevar is the Dean of the Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine.

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.

Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

October 30, 2008

By: *Joanne P. Acford*

Name: Joanne P. Acford

*Title: Corporate Senior Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary*