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): May 5, 2003

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 333-92383

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE

(State of Incorporation)

06-1397316

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

251 BALLARDVALE STREET, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01887 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

978-658-6000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On May 5, 2003, Charles River Laboratories, Inc., wholly-owned subsidiary of the Registrant, posted to its company website an updated investor presentation, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

EXHIBIT 99.1

Investor Presentation

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.

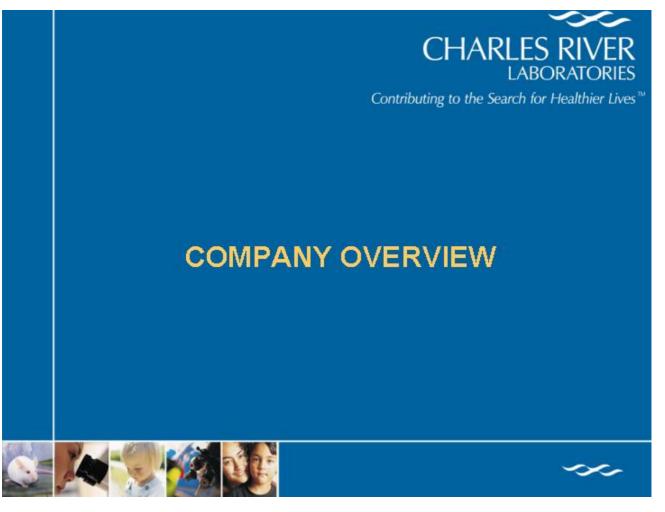
CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Dated: May 5, 2003

By: /s/ Dennis R. Shaughnessy

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

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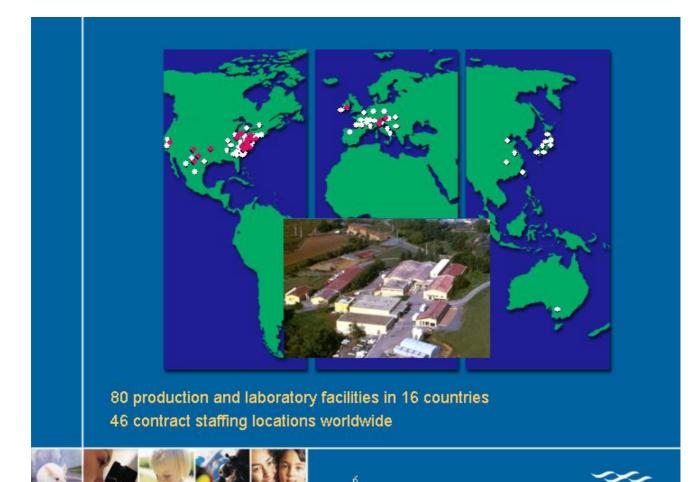
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- Acquisition track record
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- Growth driven by pharma R&D spending
- Preclinical outsourcing

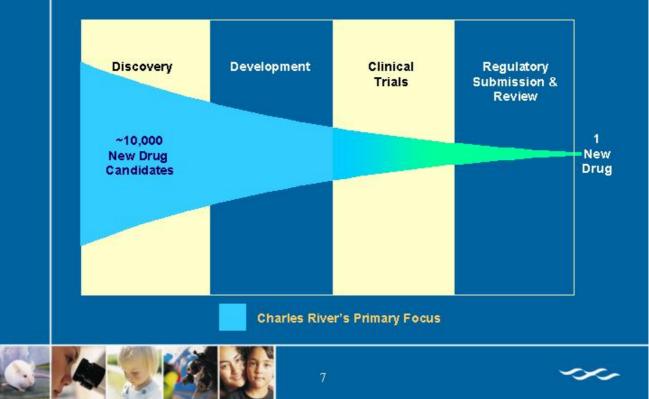


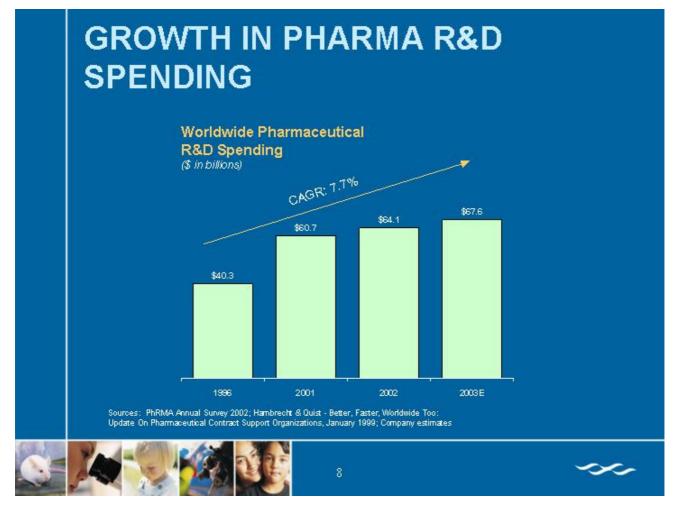
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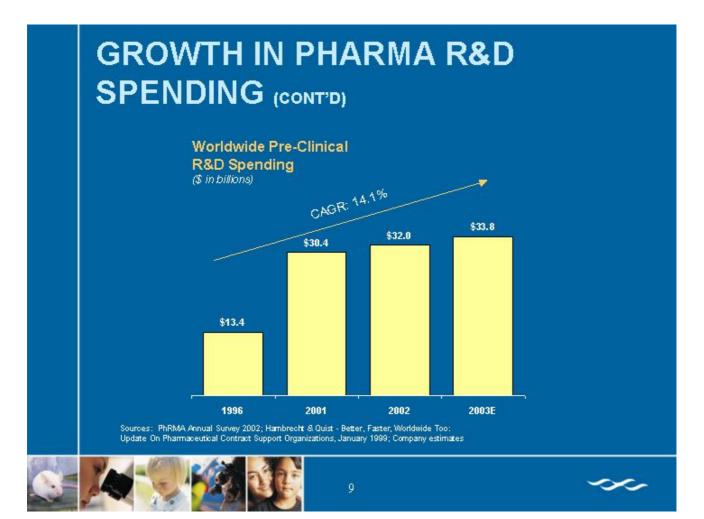
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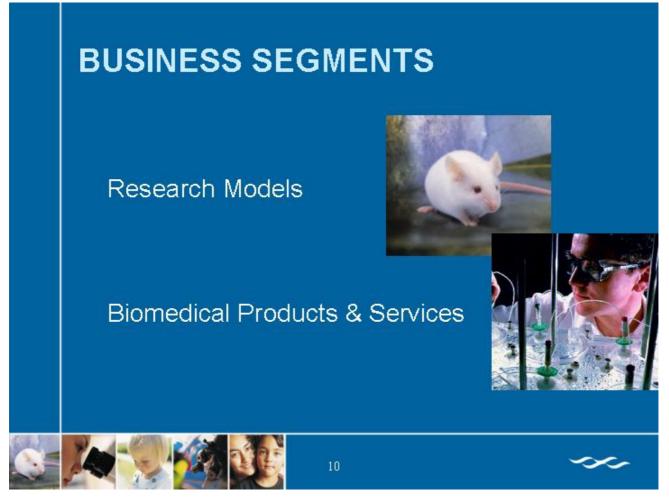


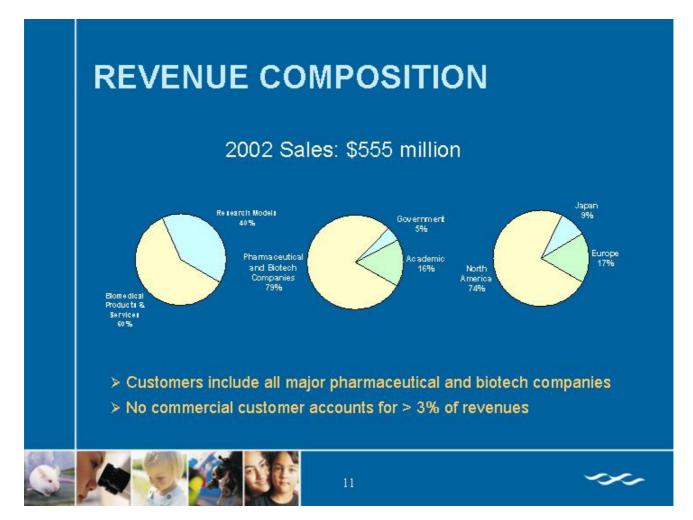
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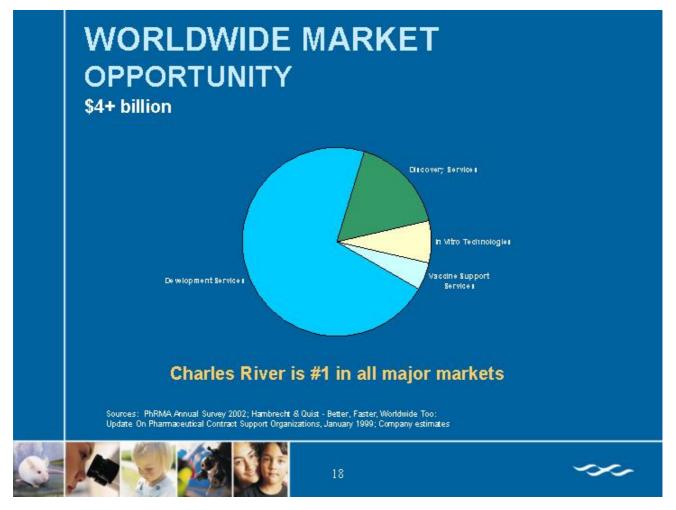
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DISCOVERY SERVICES

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 - Growth in
 - Lyon, France
 - Tokyo, Japan

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FULL RANGE OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Entire range of services to take molecule from discovery to FDA filing

- Drug Safety Assessment
- Pharmacokinetics / Metabolism
- Bioanalytical Chemistry
- Surgery / Pharmacology
- Biosafety Testing
- Pathology Services



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MAJOR	NEW DEVE ACQUISITIONS	ELOPMENTS
BIOLABS – Ju	ine 2002	
Description	Privately held pre-clinical outsourcing services in western Ireland Performs bioassay, animal health, and medical device support	
2001 Revenue	\$10 million	Biological Laboratories Europe Ltd.
Rationale	Established a base for expansion of our services portfolio in Europe	X
EPS Impact	Accretive	
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NEW DEVELOPMENTS

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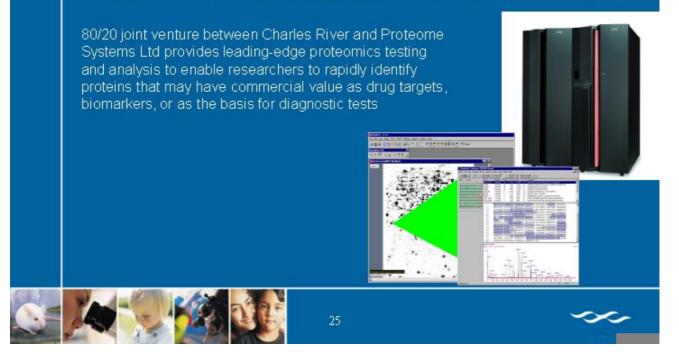
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NEW DEVELOPMENTS

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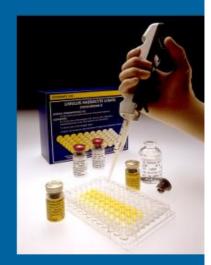
CHARLES RIVER PROTEOMICS SERVICES – Opened April 2003



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IN VITRO (NON-ANIMAL) TECHNOLOGIES

- Only FDA-approved alternative to animal testing
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NEW DEVELOPMENTS EXPANDED MARKET OPPORTUNITIES

- Portable LAL Device
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VACCINE SUPPORT PRODUCTS

- SPF Chicken Eggs
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 Production





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GROWTH - MORE SALES TO SAME CUSTOMERS

Specialty Pathology Proteomics Services				
Transgenic Model Development				
In Vitro Metabolism and Toxicology				_
Bioanalytical Chemistry				
Pharmacokinetics & Metabolism				
Pathology Services				
In Vitro Detection Systems				_
Biotech Safety Testing				
Drug Safety Assessment				
Vaccine Support Products				
Research Support Services				
Infectious Disease & Genetic Testing				
Transgenic Services				
Research Models				
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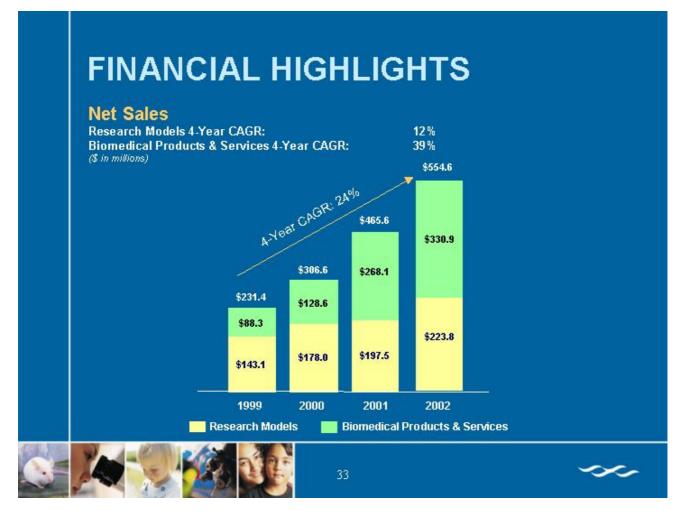
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GROWTH THROUGH STRATEGIC ACQUISITIONS

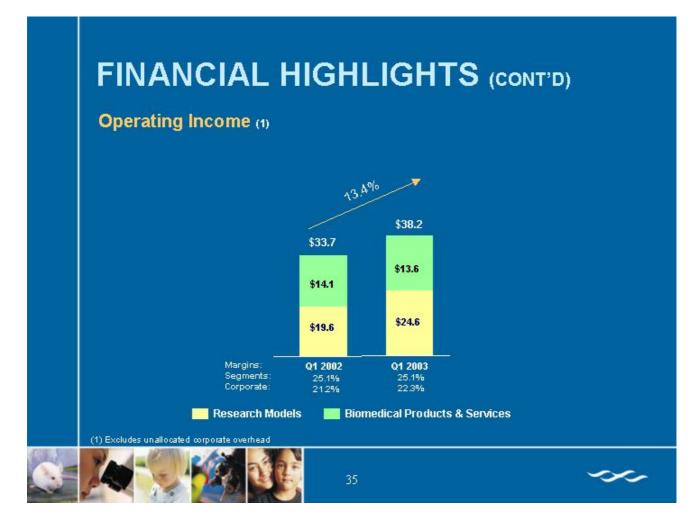
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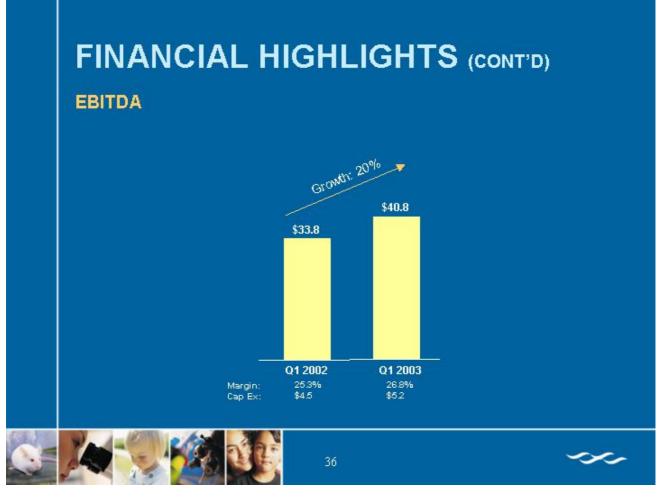
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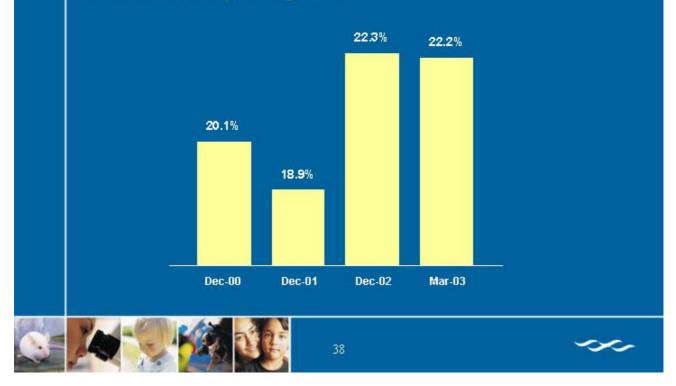






FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONT'D)

Return on Net Operating Assets



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SOLID FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE



STRONG CAPITALIZATION

(\$ in millions)	Mar	As of . 29, 2003	Dec.	As of 28, 2002
	14	Actual		Actual
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	119.0	\$	127.5
Other Debt		7.6		10.8
Senior Convertible Debentures		185.0		185.0
Total Debt	\$	192.6	\$	195.8
Shareholder's Equity		380.3		357.4
Total Capitalization	\$	572.9	\$	553.2
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2003 GUIDANCE

	2003	Q2
Net Sales		
Research Models	11-14%	
Biomedical Products & Services	11-14%	
Total	11-14%	12-14%
Diluted EPS	\$1.63-\$1.68	\$0.40-\$0.42
Operating Cash Flow	\$110-\$115 M	
CAPEX	\$40 M	
Free Cash Flow	\$70-\$75 M	



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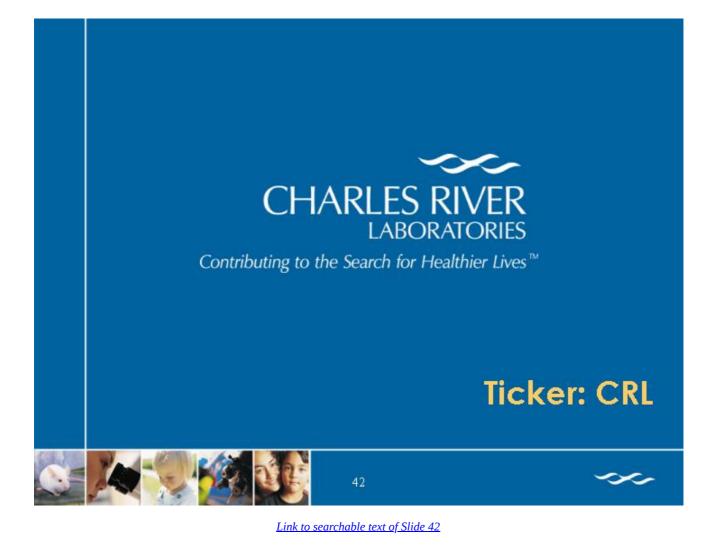


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Contributing to the Search for Healthier LivesTM

COMPANY OVERVIEW

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80 production and laboratory facilities in 16 countries
46 contract staffing locations worldwide
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CRITICAL PATH TO DRUG DEVELOPMENT
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GROWTH IN PHARMA R&D SPENDING
Worldwide Pharmaceutical R&D Spending (\$ in billions)
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BUSINESS SEGMENTS
Research Models
Biomedical Products & Services
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- Customers include all major pharmaceutical and biotech companies
- No commercial customer accounts for > 3% of revenues

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MARKET SHARE LEADER

2002 Worldwide Market Opportunity: \$475+ million

[CHART]

Charles River is 4x larger than its next competitor

Source: Company estimates

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CAPACITY EXPANSION

- New production facility in Canada
 - Added 25% more space
- Massachusetts production facility
 - Added 40% more space
- California production facility
 - Added 33% more space

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WORLDWIDE MARKET OPPORTUNITY

\$4+ billion

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Charles River is #1 in all major markets

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DISCOVERY SERVICES

- Transgenic Services
 - Facilities in US, France, Japan
- Laboratory and Research Services
 - Genetic testing
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 - Drug efficacy testing
- Contract Site Management
 - Approximately 800 employees in the US and Europe

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- Lower demand for drug safety testing
 - Pharma's "barbell" focus
 - Biotech's clinical focus
 - Pharma budgets solidified end of Q1
 - Some potential outsourcing business staying in-house
 - Waiting until last minute to commit to expensive studies
 - Increased capacity
 - Price pressure

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MAJOR ACQUISITIONS

BIOLABS – June 2002

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JOINT VENTURE

CHARLES RIVER PROTEOMICS SERVICES - Opened April 2003

80/20 joint venture between Charles River and Proteome Systems Ltd provides leading-edge proteomics testing and analysis to enable researchers to rapidly identify proteins that may have commercial value as drug targets, biomarkers, or as the basis for diagnostic tests

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NEW DEVELOPMENTS

EXPANDED MARKET OPPORTUNITIES

- In Vitro Pyrogen Test
 - Aimed at \$50 million market for lot-release testing of products derived from human blood and biologicals

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Net Sales		
Research Models 4-Year CAGR: Biomedical Products & Services 4-Year CAGR: (\$ in millions)	12 % 39 %	
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EBITDA	
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Return on Invested Capital	
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Return on Net Operating Assets	
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SOLID FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE	
Adjusted Earnings per Share	
	[CHART]
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STRONG CAPITALIZATION

(\$ in millions)	N	As of far. 29, 2003 Actual	As of Dec. 28, 2002 Actual
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	119.0 \$	127.5
Other Debt		7.6	10.8
Senior Convertible Debentures		185.0	185.0
Total Debt	\$	192.6 \$	195.8
Shareholder's Equity		380.3	357.4
Total Capitalization	\$	572.9 \$	553.2
Net Debt / Total Capitalization		12.8%	12.3%
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(1) Adjusted for subsequent retirements of Senior Subordinated Notes and the Senior Convertible Debenture offering.

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CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC. RECONCILIATION OF GAAP SALES TO NON-GAAP SALES EXCLUDING FOREIGN EXCHANGE (dollars in thousands)

		Three Mon	ths Enc	ded	
	Mai	rch 29, 2003	M	larch 30, 2002	% Increase
North American Research Model Sales					
North American Research Model Sales	\$	27,539	\$	24,991	10.2%
Foreign exchange impact		(119)			
North American Research Model Sales at prior year rates	\$	27,420	\$	24,991	9.7%
European Research Model Sales European Research Model Sales	\$	18,714	\$	14,503	29.0%
European Research Model Sales	Ъ	10,/14	Э	14,505	29.0%
Foreign exchange impact		(3,236)			
European Research Model Sales at prior year rates	\$	15,478	\$	14,503	6.7%
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Japan Research Model Sales					
Japan Research Model Sales	\$	12,990	\$	11,867	9.5%
Foreign exchange impact		(1,327)			
Japan Research Model Sales at prior year rates	\$	11,663	\$	11,867	-1.7%
Large Model Sales	¢	F 00.4	¢	F F20	6.00/
Large Model Sales	\$	5,884	\$	5,538	6.2%
Total Research Model Sales					
Total Research Model Sales	\$	65,127	\$	56,899	14.5%
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Foreign exchange impact		(4,682)		—	
Total Research Model Sales at prior year rates	\$	60,445	\$	56,899	6.2%
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CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC. RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP EBITDA (dollars in thousands)

		Three Months Ended rch 29, 2003 March 30, 2002				
	Mar	rch 29, 2003	Ma	rch 30, 2002		
EBITDA						
Operating Earning	\$	33,848	\$	28,410		
Depreciation and amortization		6,925		5,434		
EBITDA	\$	40,773	\$	33,844		
Total Net Sales	\$	152,125	\$	133,820		
EBITDA as a percent of net sales		26.8%	1	25.3%		

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CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC. RECONCILIATION OF GAAP EPS TO NON-GAAP EPS

(dollars in thousands, except for per share data)

	Three Months Ended															
	Marc	ch 31, 2001	J	une 30, 2001	Se	ptember 29, 2001	D	ecember 29, 2001	N	farch 30, 2002	Ju	ne 29, 2002	Sej	otember 28, 2002	1	December 28, 2002
Net Income (loss)	\$	6,951	\$	9,018	\$	10,521	\$	8,917		(2,232)		16,328		18,531		17,505
Add Back:																
Loss on debt retirement		365		2,435		1,975		3,291		27,479		1,790		613		_
Non-GAAP impact on provision for income taxes		(128)		(852)		(691)		(1,152)		(10,717)		(698)		(236)		_
Non-GAAP net income	\$	7,188	\$	10,601	\$	11,805	\$	11,056	\$	14,530	\$	17,420	\$	18,908	\$	17,505
After tax equivalent Interest Expense		28		27	_	27	_	27	\$	714	\$	996	\$	995	\$	996
Non-GAAP net income for calculation of					-		-		-		÷				÷	
fully diluted earnings per share	\$	7,216	\$	10,628	\$	11,832	\$	11,083	\$	15,244	\$	18,416	\$	19,903	\$	18,501
Non-GAAP Earnings per common share																
Basic	\$	0.20	\$	0.26	\$	0.27	\$	0.25	\$	0.33	\$	0.39	\$	0.42	\$	0.39
Diluted	\$	0.18	\$	0.24	\$	0.26	\$	0.24	\$	0.31	\$	0.36	\$	0.39	\$	0.36
Non-GAAP Weighted average number of common shares outstanding																
Basic		36,582,532		40,175,630		43,054,478		44,133,268		44,254,895		44,557,027		44,836,974		45,077,506
3.5% senior convertible debentures										3,401,024		4,759,455		4,759,455		4,759,455
Stock options		985,782		1,036,294		1,089,075		1,101,873		990,494		1,076,211		1,242,543		1,198,628
Warrants		2,718,731		2,711,927		1,407,259		1,034,810		855,707		659,682		523,291		483,054
2% Convertible notes				128,315	_	128,315		128,315	_	35,251						_
Non-GAAP Diluted		40,287,045		44,052,166		45,679,127		46,398,266	_	49,537,371	-	51,052,375		51,362,263		51,518,643
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