

LABRANCHE & CO INC  
Form 8-K  
April 21, 2004

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **April 20, 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, 10006**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10006**  
(Zip Code)

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

**Not Applicable**

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure.**

On April 20, 2004, LaBranche & Co Inc. announced that it had received consents from holders of more than 92% of its outstanding 9½% Senior Notes due 2004 ( 9½% Notes ) and more than 94% of its outstanding 12% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2007 ( 12% Notes ) and together with the 9½% Notes, the Notes ). The consents are sufficient to effect the proposed amendments to the indentures governing the Notes as set forth in the company's Offer to Purchase and Consent Solicitation Statement dated April 5, 2004, pursuant to which the tender offer and the consent solicitation are being made. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

On April 21, 2004, LaBranche & Co Inc. announced the total consideration to be paid in its tender offer and consent solicitation in exchange for its outstanding 9½% Notes. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

**Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.**

(a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired.

None.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

None.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release issued by LaBranche & Co Inc. on April 20, 2004 announcing consents received from holders of its 9½% Notes and 12% Notes.

99.2 Press release issued by LaBranche & Co Inc. on April 21, 2004 regarding total consideration to be paid in its tender offer and consent solicitation in exchange for its outstanding 9½% Notes.

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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: April 21, 2004

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

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description of Exhibit</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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