

**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

August 9, 2004 (August 9, 2004)

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

LABARGE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-05761

(Commission File Number)

73-0574586

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

9900A Clayton Road, St. Louis, Missouri

(Address of principal executive offices)

63124

(Zip Code)

(314) 997-0800

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibits

- 99.1 Press release of LaBarge, Inc. dated August 9, 2004, announcing preliminary fiscal 2004 fourth-quarter financial results and updating fiscal 2005 guidance.

Item 12. Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On August 9, 2004, LaBarge, Inc. issued a press release announcing preliminary sales and earnings for the fiscal 2004 fourth quarter and updating financial guidance for the 2005 fiscal year. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and hereby incorporated by reference. The information in this Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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.

LaBarge, Inc.

(Registrant)

Date: August 9, 2004

By: /s/Donald H. Nonnenkamp

Donald H. Nonnenkamp
Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer and Secretary

Exhibit Index

Index Number	Description
99.1	Financial information for LaBarge, Inc. for the year end and quarter ended June 27, 2004 and forward-looking statements relating to fiscal 2005 as presented in a press release of August 9, 2004.

NEWS UPDATE



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LaBARGE, INC. ANNOUNCES PRELIMINARY FOURTH-QUARTER RESULTS AND UPDATES GUIDANCE FOR FISCAL 2005

*Expects Fiscal 2004 Fourth-Quarter EPS of \$0.15 to \$0.16, Versus Guidance of \$0.13
Raises 2005 Full-Year Sales and Earnings Growth to Approximately 25 Percent*

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 9, 2004 LaBarge, Inc. (AMEX: LB) today announced preliminary results for its fiscal 2004 fourth quarter, ended June 27, 2004, and updated guidance for fiscal 2005. Net sales and earnings for both periods will exceed the Company's previously announced expectations.

Preliminary Fourth-Quarter Results

LaBarge announced it expects fiscal 2004 fourth-quarter net earnings of \$0.15 to \$0.16 per diluted share, compared with previous guidance of at least \$0.13 per diluted share. Fourth-quarter net sales were \$40.9 million versus the Company's previous forecast of approximately \$40.0 million. Last year, for the same period, net sales were \$29.7 million and net earnings per diluted share were \$0.07.

Chief executive officer and president Craig LaBarge commented, "These initial fourth-quarter numbers demonstrate significant increases in LaBarge's 2004 financial results. For the 2004 full fiscal year, we expect to report revenues of \$131.5 million and net earnings per diluted share of at least \$0.43, compared with fiscal 2003's net sales of \$102.9 million and net earnings of \$0.15 per diluted share."

The Company attributed its better than anticipated results in the fourth quarter to favorable product mix and higher than usual gross margins during the quarter.

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LaBarge, Inc. Announces Preliminary Fourth-Quarter Results and Updates Guidance for Fiscal 2005– 2

LaBarge will provide further financial details in its full earnings release, which it expects to announce before the market opens on Aug. 26, 2004. The Company will host a conference call at 11 a.m. EDT that day. The conference call will be webcast and interested parties may listen to a live audio broadcast and replay by accessing the Company's Web site at <http://www.labarge.com> and clicking on Investor Relations.

Updated Guidance for Fiscal 2005

LaBarge has also revised its guidance for the 2005 full fiscal year, ending July 3, 2005, indicating the Company expects revenues and earnings to increase by approximately 25 percent over the newly projected fiscal 2004 levels. Earlier guidance predicted net sales and earnings to increase by at least 20 percent from fiscal 2004.

LaBarge, Inc. is a broad-based provider of electronics to technology-driven companies in diverse industrial markets. The Company provides its customers with sophisticated electronic products through contract design and manufacturing services. Headquartered in St. Louis, LaBarge has operations in Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Texas. The Company's Web site address is <http://www.labarge.com>.

Statements contained in this release relating to LaBarge, Inc. that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Matters subject to forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties, including economic, competitive and other factors that may cause LaBarge or its industry's actual results, levels of activity, performance and achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause LaBarge's actual results to differ materially from those projected in, or inferred by, forward-looking statements are (but are not necessarily limited to) the following: the impact of increasing competition or deterioration of economic conditions in LaBarge's markets; cutbacks in defense spending by the U.S. Government; loss of one or more large customers; LaBarge's ability to replace completed and expired contracts on a timely basis; the Company's ability to integrate recently acquired businesses; the outcome of litigation the Company may be party to; increases in the cost of raw materials, labor and other resources necessary to operate LaBarge's business; the availability, amount, type and cost of financing for LaBarge and any changes to that financing; and other factors summarized in our reports filed from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Given these uncertainties, undue reliance should not be placed on the forward-looking statements. Unless otherwise required by law, LaBarge disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements or to publicly announce any revisions thereto to reflect future events or developments.

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