
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): **January 5, 2018**



IDEXX LABORATORIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
*(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)*

000-19271
(Commission File Number)

01-0393723
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One IDEXX Drive, Westbrook, Maine
(Address of principal executive offices)

04092
(ZIP Code)

207.556.0300
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 5, 2018, IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release discussing the impact on the Company of the enactment on December 22, 2017 of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the “Tax Legislation”), the full text of which is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The Company estimates, based on currently available information, that the Tax Legislation will benefit the Company by reducing its recurring effective tax rate beginning in 2018 by approximately 750-850 basis points. The Company also estimates that the enactment of the Tax Legislation will result in a one-time reduction of approximately \$35 million - \$45 million in the Company’s earnings for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2017, due to the deemed repatriation of the Company’s foreign profits, net of the remeasurement of U.S. deferred taxes at the lower enacted corporate tax rate and other adjustments.

The impact of the Tax Legislation may differ from the estimates above, possibly materially, due to, among other things, changes in interpretations and assumptions the Company has made, guidance that may be issued and actions the Company may take as a result of the Tax Legislation. The Company will continue to analyze the Tax Legislation to determine the full effects of the new law, including the new lower corporate tax rate, on its financial statements and operations.

The Company will announce financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2017 on February 1, 2018.

In accordance with general instructions to Form 8-K, the information in this Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto is being furnished under Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The disclosure set forth above under Item 2.02 is incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

The following exhibit shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>99.1</u>	<u>Press release entitled “IDEXX Laboratories Announces Estimated Impact of U.S. Tax Reform.” issued by the Company on January 5, 2018.</u>

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.

IDEXX LABORATORIES, INC.

Date: January 5, 2018

By: /s/ Brian P. McKeon
Brian P. McKeon
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer and Treasurer
(Principal Financial and Accounting
Officer)

IDEXX Laboratories Announces Estimated Impact of U.S. Tax Reform

WESTBROOK, Maine, Jan. 5, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. ("IDEXX" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: IDXX), a global leader in veterinary diagnostics, veterinary practice software and water microbiology testing, expects the recently passed Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Tax Legislation") to benefit the Company by reducing its recurring effective tax rate beginning in 2018 by approximately 750-850 basis points. The Company also estimates that the enactment of the Tax Legislation will result in a one-time reduction of approximately \$35 million - \$45 million in the Company's earnings for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2017, due to the deemed repatriation of the Company's foreign profits, net of the remeasurement of U.S. deferred taxes at the lower enacted corporate tax rate and other adjustments.

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About IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.

IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. is a member of the S&P 500® Index and is a leader in pet healthcare innovation, serving practicing veterinarians around the world with a broad range of diagnostic and information technology-based products and services. IDEXX products enhance the ability of veterinarians to provide advanced medical care, improve staff efficiency and build more economically successful practices. IDEXX is also a worldwide leader in providing diagnostic tests and information for livestock and poultry and tests for the quality and safety of water and milk. Headquartered in Maine, IDEXX employs more than 7,000 people and offers products to customers in over 175 countries. For more information about IDEXX, visit: www.idexx.com.

Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding the estimated effects of the Tax Legislation on the Company's ongoing effective tax rate and earnings for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2017, and can be identified by the use of words such as "expects," "may," "anticipates," "intends," "would," "will," "plans," "believes," "estimates," "should," and similar words and expressions. These forward-looking statements consist of preliminary estimates and are based on management's current expectations and beliefs given currently available information, as well as the Company's current interpretations, assumptions and expectations relating to the Tax Legislation, and are subject to change, possibly materially, as the Company completes its year-end financial statements. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause the Company's actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. IDEXX assumes no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Readers are advised to review IDEXX's filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), which are available from the SEC's EDGAR database at www.sec.gov and via IDEXX's website at www.idexx.com.



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