

FOREST LABORATORIES INC
Form 8-K
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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

December 27, 2004

Date of report (date of earliest event reported)

FOREST LABORATORIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-5438	11-1798614
<i>(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)</i>	<i>(Commission File Number)</i>	<i>(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)</i>

909 Third Avenue New York, New York	10022-4731
<i>(Address of principal executive offices)</i>	<i>(Zip code)</i>

(212) 421-7850

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On December 27, 2004, Forest Laboratories, Inc. ("Forest") was named as a defendant, together with Biovail Corporation, in an action brought in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia under the caption Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc. and Rochester Drug Cooperative v. Biovail Corporation and Forest Laboratories, Inc. The complaint alleges attempts to monopolize under Section 2 of the Sherman Act with respect to the product Tiazac resulting from Biovail's January 2001 patent listing in the Food and Drug Administration's "Orange Book" of Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations. Biovail withdrew the Orange Book listing of the patent at issue following an April 2002 Consent Order between Biovail and the Federal Trade Commission. Biovail is the owner of the NDA covering Tiazac which Forest distributes in the United States under license from Biovail. The action, which purports to be brought as a class action on behalf of all persons or entities who purchased Tiazac directly from Forest from February 13, 2001 to the present, seeks treble damages and related relief arising from the allegedly unlawful acts. Forest believes there is no merit to the claims asserted against it and intends to vigorously defend this action.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 3, 2005

Forest Laboratories, Inc.

(Registrant)

/s/ Howard Solomon

Howard Solomon,
Chairman of the Board

