LABRANCHE & CO INC Form 8-K May 28, 2008

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 23, 2008

LaBRANCHE & CO INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 001-15251 (Commission File Number) 13-4064735 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

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33 Whitehall Street, New York, New York 10004 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (212) 425-1144

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 13e-4 (c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On May 23, 2008, the Company completed the optional redemption, which was originally announced on April 22, 2008, of all of its remaining outstanding $9^{1}/2\%$ Senior Notes due 2009, in the aggregate principal amount of \$169.1 million, at a redemption price of 102.375%, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon. The Company also announced that, on June 3, 2008, it expects to extinguish all of its remaining outstanding subordinated debt in the amount of \$3.0 million, plus accrued and unpaid interest. Following these transactions, the Company s total outstanding indebtedness will consist of approximately \$210.0 million of the Company s 11% Senior Notes due 2012.

A copy of the Company s press release announcing the completion of the senior note redemption and the expected subordinated note extinguishment is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Current Report, including the news release attached hereto, is being furnished pursuant to Item 8.01 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to liabilities of that Section.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits. (d) Exhibits.

> 99.1 Press release issued by LaBranche & Co Inc. dated May 28, 2008. All other Items of this report are inapplicable.

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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.

By:/s/ Jeffrey A. McCutcheonName:Jeffrey A. McCutcheonTitle:Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Date: May 28, 2008

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.Description of Exhibit99.1Press release issued by LaBranche & Co Inc. dated May 28, 2008.

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