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these and other risks relating to Charles River are set forth in the documents filed by Charles River with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, we have duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES
INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Dated: January 12, 2004

By: /s/ Dennis R. Shaughnessy

Dennis R. Shaughnessy, Senior Vice
President, Corporate Development, General
Counsel and Secretary

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Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
99.1	Press release dated January 12, 2004.

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