

MESA LABORATORIES INC /CO  
Form 8-K  
May 12, 2006

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**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**

**May 11, 2006**

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**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

**MESA LABORATORIES, INC.**

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*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

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**Colorado**

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**000-11740**

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**84-0872291**

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*(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)*

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*(Commission  
File Number)*

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*(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)*

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**12100 West Sixth Avenue  
Lakewood, Colorado 80228**

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*(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)*

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**303-987-8000**

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

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**N/A**

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

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

(c) On May 10, 2006, Mesa Laboratories, Inc. appointed John J. Sullivan, Ph.D to the position of President and Chief Operating Officer. Dr. Sullivan joined Mesa in 2004 as Vice President of Sales and Marketing after 16 years with Varian Inc., a major analytical instrument manufacturer where he served in various capacities in Research and Development, Sales and Marketing Management and in Business Development. Prior to Varian, Dr. Sullivan was with the Food and Drug Administration, where he was involved in the development of laboratory procedures. Dr. Sullivan holds a Bachelor's degree in Biology and a Ph.D. in Food Chemistry.

Mr. Luke R. Schmieder, Mesa's current President and CEO, will retain his position as CEO and will assume the newly created position of Chairman of the Board of Directors as of May 10, 2006. Mr. Schmieder has served as Mesa's President and CEO since the company's inception.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

**Exhibit  
Number**

**Description**

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| 99.1 | Press Release issued May 11, 2006 by Mesa Laboratories, Inc. |
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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.

**MESA LABORATORIES, INC.**

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(Registrant)

Date: May 11, 2006

By:           /s/ Luke R. Schmieder          

Luke R. Schmieder,  
President and CEO

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