

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
Form 8-K  
September 28, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**September 26, 2009**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**ABBOTT LABORATORIES**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Illinois**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-2189**  
(Commission File Number)

**36-0698440**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**100 Abbott Park Road**  
**Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6400**

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(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(847) 937-6100**

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:

- 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))
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**Item 1.01      Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On September 28, 2009, Abbott announced it entered into a definitive agreement with the Solvay Group for Abbott to acquire Solvay's pharmaceutical (including vaccine) and diagnostics businesses. The agreement is subject to customary closing conditions and regulatory approvals. A copy of the press release announcing the agreement is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01      Financial Statements and Exhibits**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Exhibit</b>                           |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Press Release, dated September 28, 2009. |

**SIGNATURE**

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.

**ABBOTT LABORATORIES**

Date: September 28, 2009

By:

/s/ Thomas C. Freyman  
Thomas C. Freyman  
Executive Vice President, Finance  
and Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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