

BIO RAD LABORATORIES INC  
Form 8-K  
March 29, 2011

**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: March 23, 2011**

**(Date of earliest event reported)**

**BIO-RAD LABORATORIES, INC.**

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

**Commission File Number: 1-7928**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of**  
**incorporation or organization)**

**94-1381833**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**1000 Alfred Nobel Dr.**

**Hercules, California 94547**

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

**(510) 724-7000**

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

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**ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

Effective March 23, 2011, James J. Bennett retired from the Board of Directors of Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc.

( Bio-Rad or the Company ), a position he held since 1977. Mr. Bennett served Bio-Rad in several key operating positions during his 33-year association with the Company.

**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.

BIO-RAD LABORATORIES, INC.

Date: March 29, 2011

By: /s/ Christine A. Tsingos

Christine A. Tsingos  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer