

Meury William  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--|--|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *         |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement   | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |   |
| Â Meury William                                   |         | (Month/Day/Year)   | FOREST LABORATORIES INC [FRX]                      |   |
| (Last)  | (First) | (Middle)   | 12/05/2011   |   |
| C/O FOREST LABORATORIES, INC., Â 909 THIRD AVENUE |         |  | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |
| (Street)  |         |  | (Check all applicable)                             |   |
| NEW YORK, Â NY Â 10022                            |         | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below)<br>SVP - Marketing |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City)  | (State) | (Zip)  |  |   |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 125,003 <sup>(1)</sup>                                   | D   | Â  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|                             | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Security  | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 12/12/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> | 12/12/2013      | Common Stock | 12,000                     | \$ 59.05  | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 12/13/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> | 12/13/2014      | Common Stock | 15,000                     | \$ 42.535 | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 12/09/2006 <sup>(4)</sup> | 12/09/2011      | Common Stock | 8,500                      | \$ 40.29  | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 12/08/2007 <sup>(5)</sup> | 12/08/2016      | Common Stock | 25,000                     | \$ 51.535 | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 12/06/2008 <sup>(6)</sup> | 12/05/2017      | Common Stock | 25,000                     | \$ 37.255 | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 12/08/2009 <sup>(7)</sup> | 12/07/2018      | Common Stock | 25,000                     | \$ 24.12  | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 12/07/2010 <sup>(8)</sup> | 12/06/2019      | Common Stock | 40,000                     | \$ 31.265 | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 12/06/2011 <sup>(9)</sup> | 12/05/2020      | Common Stock | 45,000                     | \$ 32.165 | D                                     | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| Meury William<br>C/O FOREST LABORATORIES, INC.<br>909 THIRD AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 | Â             | Â         | Â SVP - Marketing | Â     |

## Signatures

William Meury                      12/12/2011

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This amount includes shares of common stock which are subject to a risk of forfeiture.
  - (2) The option became exercisable as to 1,800 shares covered by the option on the first four anniversaries of the grant date (December 12, 2003) and as to the remaining 4,800 shares on the fifth anniversary of the grant date.
  - (3) The option became exercisable as to 2,250 shares covered by the option on the first four anniversaries of the grant date (December 13, 2004) and as to the remaining 6,000 shares on the fifth anniversary of the grant date.
  - (4) The Reporting Person was initially granted 10,000 options on the grant date (December 9, 2005), of which 1,500 shares were previously exercised and are included in the Reporting Person's total beneficial ownership reported on Table I above. The option became exercisable

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as to 1,500 shares covered by the option on the first four anniversaries of the grant date and as to the remaining 4,000 shares on the fifth anniversary of the grant date.

- (5) The option became exercisable as to 3,750 shares covered by the option on the first four anniversaries of the grant date (December 8, 2006) and becomes exercisable as to the remaining 10,000 shares on the fifth anniversary of the grant date.  
The option became exercisable as to 3,750 shares covered by the option on the first three anniversaries of the grant date (December 6, 2007) and becomes exercisable as to 3,750 shares on the fourth anniversary of the grant date and as to the remaining 10,000 shares on the fifth anniversary of the grant date.
- (7) The option became exercisable as to 3,750 shares covered by the option on the first two anniversaries of the grant date (December 8, 2008) and becomes exercisable as to 3,750 shares on the third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date and as to the remaining 10,000 shares on the fifth anniversary of the grant date.
- (8) The option became exercisable as to 6,000 shares covered by the option on the first anniversary of the grant date (December 7, 2009) and becomes exercisable as to 6,750 shares on each of the second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date, and as to the remaining 18,000 shares on the fifth anniversary of the grant date.
- (9) The option becomes exercisable as to 6,750 shares covered by the option on the first four anniversaries of the grant date (December 6, 2010) and as to the remaining 18,000 shares on the fifth anniversary of the grant date.

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