

LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SMITH BRADFORD T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
430 SOUTH SPRING STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/15/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Chf Legal Offcr, Secretary

BURLINGTON, NC 27215

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/15/2005 | | M | 18,992 A \$ 39.34 | 117,066.7251 _{(2) (3)} | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/15/2005 | | M | 15,556 A \$ 33.0625 | 132,622.7251 _{(2) (3)} | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/15/2005 | | S | 484 D \$ 50.01 | 132,138.7251 _{(2) (3)} | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/15/2005 | | S | 34,064 D \$ 50 | 98,074.7251 _{(2) (3)} | D | |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-qualified Stock Options <u>(1)</u> <u>(4)</u> | \$ 33.0625 | 02/15/2005 | | M | 15,556 | 02/05/2002 ⁽⁵⁾ 02/05/2011 | Common Stock |
| Non-qualified Stock Options <u>(1)</u> <u>(4)</u> | \$ 39.34 | 02/15/2005 | | M | 18,992 | 01/07/2003 ⁽⁵⁾ 01/07/2012 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SMITH BRADFORD T 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET BURLINGTON, NC 27215 | | | EVP, Chf Legal Offcr,Secretary | |

Signatures

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH 02/17/2005

 Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) Pursuant to a plan in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (2) Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002.
- (3) Amount includes 77,5770 shares acquired on December 31, 2004 under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) Common stock purchase option granted under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

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(5) The option vests in three equal installments beginning on the date reflected in this column.

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