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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ELINGBURG WESLEY R</u> | | | | | LA | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH] | | | | | | | | | (Chec | k all app Direc | licable) | | ssuer Owner (specify |
|--|--|--------|---------|-----------------|-------|---|------------------|---|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------|--|--|----------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) | (Fir | rst) (| Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2004 | | | | | | | | | X | below) EVP, Chief Fi | | below | າີ່ |
| (Street) | | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Indi Line) X | | | Filing (Check and Percenting Perc | |
| (City) | (Sta | ate) (| Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | Execution Date, | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) | | | | and Securi Benefi Owner | | ies :ially Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (<i>t</i> | A) or D) | Price | : | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 03/16 | | | | | 2004 | 2004 | | | S | | 2,385 | | D | \$37 | '.53 | 101,0 | 54.3272 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 03/16/ | | | | | 2004 | | | S | | 352 | | D | \$37 | '.52 100,7 | | 02.3272(2) | D | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 03/16/2 | | | | | 2004 | 2004 | | | S | | 217 | | D | \$37.51 | | 100,485.3272(2) | | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 03/16/2 | | | | | 2004 | | S | | 1,382 | | D | \$37.5 | | 99,103.3272(2) | | D | | | |
| | 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) | ivative Conversion Date Execution Date urity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | | | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | n of | | Exerci on Da Day/Yo | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instrand 4) | | nstr. 3 | Der Sec | Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | Code | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | able | Expiration Date | or Number of Title Shares | | mber | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 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.

/s/ Bradford T. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact for Wesley R. 03/18/2004 Elingburg

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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).

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