FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MITTELSTAEDT ROBERT E JR</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]									Relationsh eck all ap X Dire	,	ng Perso	n(s) to Is	
(Last) 430 SOU	Last) (First) (Middle) 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2005									Officer (give title below)		Other (specify below)	
(Street) BURLIN (City)	GTON N		27215 Zip)		4. If <i>i</i>	I. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Lin	e) <mark>X</mark> Fori Fori	or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable rm filed by One Reporting Person rm filed by More than One Reporting rson			
		Tabl	e I - Nor	-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or E	3ene	ficial	ly Own	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					Execution Date			n Date,	Code (Instr. 5)					Secur Benef	icially d Following	6. Own Form: I (D) or I (I) (Inst	Direct ndirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
						Code	v	Amount	(A (D) or)	Price	Trans	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(11311. 4)			
Common Stock			03/01	1/2005				A		35(1)	A		\$47.	5	8,151)		
	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)	Execution		Date, Transaction				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		1	B. Price of Derivative Gecurity Instr. 5)	ve derivative Securities	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	m: ect (D) ndirect	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	ber					

Explanation of Responses:

1. Stock award represents half the monthly Director retainer pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 1995 Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

By: /s/ BRADFORD T.
SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for 03/03/2005
Robert E. Mittelstaedt

** 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).
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