## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  SMITH BRADFORD T						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [ LH ]									Chec	k all app Dired	olicable) ctor		Owner
(Last)	(Fir	rst) (	Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2004  X Officer (give title below) EVP, Chief Legal Off												belov	<i>'</i>	
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)							4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person 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. Transact Date (Month/Dat						Execut ay/Year) if any		Deemed ecution Date, any onth/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)					ties cially I Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
						Code	v	Amount	()	A) or D)	Price	)	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 03/16/							2004		S		2,385		D	\$37	.53 99,30		63.3601 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 03/16/2						2004			S		352		D	\$37	\$37.52		99,011.3601(2)		
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 03/16/2						2004			S		217		D	\$37	\$37.51		98,794.3601(2)		
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 03/16/2					/2004	2004			S		1,382		D	\$37.5		97,412.3601(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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Year)   Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)   Transaction Code (Instr. 8)   Securit Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. 3 and 5)		vative irities ired r osed )	6. Date Expiration (Month/L)  Date Exercise	on Dai		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amount or Numbe of Shares		f g Instr. 3 mount umber	nt er		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			

## **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.

03/18/2004 /s/ Bradford T. Smith

\*\* 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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