FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>KING DAVID P</u>					L	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [ LH ]								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director 10% Owner				
(Last) 531 SOU	`	First)	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2010								X Officer (give title Other (sp below)  President & CEO				
(Street) BURLINGTON NC 27215  (City) (State) (Zip)				4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tá	ıble I - No	n-Der	ivati	ve S	ecuritie	s Ac	quired	, Dis	sposed o	f, or Bei	neficially	Owned				
Date			Date			2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			5. Amount Securities Beneficiall Following	y Owned Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transactio (Instr. 3 an			1	Instr. 4)
Common Stock				02/0	9/2010				A		19,200	A	\$0	101,172.4475(1)			D	
Common	ommon Stock 02/10/2			10/20	2010		F		2,423	D	\$70.97	7 98,749.4475 <sup>(1)</sup>			D			
			Table II -								osed of, convertil			Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day)	Date,	Code (Instr.		Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		е	7. Title an of Securit Underlyin Derivative (Instr. 3 ar	ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported	e s ally	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	e V (A) (D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)					
Non- qualified Stock Options <sup>(2)</sup>	\$70.15	02/09/2010			A		196,400		02/09/201	1(3)	02/09/2020	Common Stock	196,400	\$70.15	196,4	00	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002. This amount also includes 158.5530 shares acquired on December 31, 2009 under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- $2.\ Employee\ stock\ option\ (right\ to\ buy)\ granted\ pursuant\ to\ the\ Laboratory\ Corporation\ of\ America\ Holdings\ 2008\ Stock\ Incentive\ Plan.$
- $3. \ The \ option \ vests \ in \ three \ equal \ annual \ installments \ beginning \ on \ the \ date \ reflected \ in \ this \ column.$

## Remarks:

/s/ F. Samuel Eberts III

02/11/2010

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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