FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MITTELSTAEDT ROBERT E JR						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
1711 1 1 1	_ <u>  H</u>	HOLDINGS [ LH ]								X Director				10% Ov						
(Last) 531 SOU	`	First) (Middle) NG STREET				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/24/2009									Officer below)	(give title	Other (spe below)		specify	
(9)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
Street) BURLINGTON NC 27215													X	•						
(City)	(5	State)	(Zip)		-										Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tal	ole I - I	Non-Der	ivativ	e Se	curi	ties A	cquire	ed, D	isposed o	of, or B	enefici	ally (	Dwned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/					Execution Date,		Date,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Disposed Of		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)			Price			tion(s)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock 11/24/20				2009	09		М		4,116	A	\$15.78	813 <sup>(1)</sup> 14		624(2)		D				
Common Stock 11/24/2				2009	09		S		616	D	\$74.5	58	8 14,008(2)			D				
Common Stock 11/24/20			2009	09		S		3,500	D	\$74.6	06	10,508(2)			D					
			Table								sposed of				wned					
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. Transactior Code (Instr 8)				6. Date Expirat (Month)	ion Da			of es ng re Security	De Se (In	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e s lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares	er						
To-																				

05/04/2001<sup>(4)</sup>

## **Explanation of Responses:**

\$15.7813<sup>(1)</sup>

- 1. "Actual exercise price was \$15.78125. The filing software truncates the price to only four decimal places."
- 2. Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002.

11/24/2009

- 3. Common stock purchase option granted under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 1999 Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan.
- 4. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date reflected in this column.

## Remarks:

qualified

Stock Options<sup>(3)</sup>

> /s/ F. Samuel Eberts III 11/25/2009

\$15.7813<sup>(1)</sup>

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Common

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05/05/2010

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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