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 <sup>*</sup> KING DAVID P					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA										5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)								
					HC	HOLDINGS [ LH ]									X Director				10% C	wner			
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle)						. ,									Office belov	er (give title v)		Other (specify below)				
531 SOUTH SPRING STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2009										President & CEO							
(Street) BURLINGTON NC 27215						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2009											6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person						
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(City)	(S	tate) (	Zip)														Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
		Tabi	e I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, oı	r Ben	eficia	ally	Owne	ed						
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da						r) E	A. Deemed Execution Date, f any Month/Day/Year)				Disposed	. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 )			nd	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(1130.4)			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 02/13/2					2009			F <sup>(2)</sup>		1,861		D	\$62.42		88,518.8645		I	)					
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/D	n Date,	I. Fransaction Code (Instr. 3)				6. Date E Expiration (Month/E	on Dat		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)					9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr.	m: ect (D) ndirect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
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#### Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This amendment is being filed to attach a Power of Attorney that was executed at the time the reporting person's Form 4 was filed on February 17, 2009.
- $2.\ Stock$  with holding to satisfy tax and with holding obligations.

#### Remarks:

Exhibit List Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney for David P. King, kingpoa. TXT

/s/ F. Samuel Eberts III 02/18/2009

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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# POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints F. Samuel Eberts III his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent,

with full power of substitute for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, in connection with the filing for the undersigned on Form 3 and Form 4 under the Securities Act of 1934, as amended, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to sign the Form 3 and Form 4 in the name and on behalf of the undersigned or on behalf of the undersigned as a director or officer of the Corporation, and any amendments to the Form 3 or Form 4, and any instrument, contract, document or other writing, of or in connection with the Form 3 and Form 4 or amendments thereto, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, including this power of attorney, with the Securities and Exchange Commission and any applicable securities exchange or securities self-regulatory body, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agents, each acting alone, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agents, each acting alone, or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has signed these presents this 16th day of February, 2009.