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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* POWELL JAMES B						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA											ionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issue all applicable)			uer
POWELL JAMES B						HOLDINGS [LH]									X				10% Ov	vner
(Last)	(Fi	rst)	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/14/2003											Officer (give title below)		Other (s below)	specify
(Street)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)												X	Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Tab	le I - Nor	n-Deriv	/ative	e Se	curitie	s A	cqui	ired, D	isp	osed o	f, or Be	nefi	cially	Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D						ear)	2A. Deen Execution if any (Month/D	n Date	e,	3. Transact Code (In 8)	ion Disposed		ties Acquir I Of (D) (Ins		4 and Secur Benef Owne		s ally following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									•	Code	,	Amount	(A) o (D)	r P	rice	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 05/14/						/2003			A		1,646 A			0	12,48	12,482(1)(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)	3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/	Date,	I. Fransaction Code (Instr. B)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			Amoun Securit Underly Derivat		. Title and mount of securities Junderlying Jerivative Security Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e s llly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Non- Qualified Stock Options ⁽³⁾	30.36	05/14/2003			A		2,536		05/1	4/2004 ⁽⁴⁾	0	5/14/2013	Common Stock	2,5	536	\$30.36	2,536	5	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- $1. \ Amount \ shown \ reflects \ a \ 2-for -1 \ stock \ split \ effective \ on \ May \ 10, \ 2002.$
- 2. Total includes 700 shares of indirect common stock ownership held by Allemanni LLC. Dr. Powell is the sole manager of Allemanni LLC.
- 3. Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporaiton of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- 4. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on May 14, 2004.

Bradford T. Smith, Attorney-05/15/2003 in-Fact for James B. Powell

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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