FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MITTELSTAEDT ROBERT E JR							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [ LH ]										nship of Reporting applicable) Director Officer (give title		10% O	wner
(Last)	(F	First) (Middle)				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/18/2011										below)			Other (s below)	specily
(Street)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										e)				
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip)													X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
		Tab	le I - No	n-Deri	vative	e Se	curiti	ies A	cqı	uired,	Dis	posed o	of, c	or Ber	neficia	ly Owned	l			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						ar)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			3. Transac Code (Ir 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				Benefici Owned F	es ally Following	Form (D) o	n: Direct r Indirect estr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
											v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3	ion(s)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 08/1										M		817		A	\$48.0	2 12	,925	)25		
Common Stock 08/18										S		817		D	\$79.9	52 12	,108		D	
Common Stock 08/18/2					3/2011					M		536		A	\$48.0	2 12	12,644		D	
		-	Гable II -									osed of, converti				/ Owned				
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/Da	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr 8)		n of E			i. Date Exercisa Expiration Date Month/Day/Year			An Se Un De	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e es ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Dat Exe	te ercisable	e	Expiration Date	Tit	le	Amount or Number of Shares					
Non- qualified Stock Options	\$48.02	08/18/2011			M			817	05/	/15/2003 <sup>l</sup>	(1)	05/15/2012		ommon Stock	817	\$0	536		D	
Non- qualified Stock	\$48.02	08/18/2011			M			536	05/	′15/2003 <sup>′</sup>	(1)	05/15/2012		ommon Stock	536	\$0	0		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

Options

1. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date reflected in this column.

/s/ F. Samuel Eberts III,

Attorney-in-Fact for Robert E. 08/22/2011

Mittelstaedt, Jr.

\*\* 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).
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