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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* EBERTS F SAMUEL III					L	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]									ck all applic Directo	able)	g Pers	on(s) to Iss 10% Ov Other (s below)	wner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 531 SOUTH SPRING STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2009									,	Legal O	fficer	, Secretar	y	
(Street) BURLIN (City)	IGTON N		27215 (Zip)		4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Inc Line)	Form fi	ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Tal	ole I - Non	ı-Deriv	vativ	e Se	curities	s Ac	quired,	Disp	osed o	f, or Be	enefi	cially	Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/E					ear)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)) or 5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F		s Illy ollowing	Form	: Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or P	rice	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 02/				02/1	1/200	/2009		A		1,600) A		\$0	15,	15,563		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/	ate,	4. Transa Code (i 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		urity	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	E C S F Illy D O (I	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				,	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	or Nu of	mber ares						
Non- qualified Stock Options ⁽¹⁾	\$60.04	02/11/2009			A		18,200		02/11/2010	(2)	02/11/2019	Common Stock	18	,200	\$60.04	18,20	0	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Employee stock option (right to buy) granted persuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- $2. \ The \ option \ vests \ in \ three \ equal \ annual \ installments \ beginning \ on \ the \ date \ reflected \ in \ this \ column.$

Remarks:

F. Samuel Eberts III

02/13/2009

** 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).
- ** 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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