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*  MITTELSTAEDT ROBERT E JR				2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA  HOLDINGS [ LH ]							(Ch	elationshi eck all app X Direc	plicable)	Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/03/2006							Offic belo	er (give title w)	Other below	(specify		
(Street) BURLINGTON NC 27215  (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tab	le I - Nor	n-Deriva	ative S	ecurities Acc	quired,	Disp	osed o	f, or	Bene	eficiall	y Own	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D			Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. ) 8) 4. Securities Acqu Disposed Of (D) (I				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
						Code	v	Amount	A) 1)	(A) or (D) P		Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 07/03/					/2006		A		27(1)		Α	\$61.2	9 10	0,492(2)	D	
		Ta				urities Acqu s, warrants,							Owned			
1. Title of Derivative Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  (Instr. 3)  2.		Date,	Transaction of		Expiration	s. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr.		S (I	Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following	f 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Stock award represents half the monthly Director retainer pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 1995 Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

Code

Acquired (A) or Disposed

of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A) (D) Date

Exercisable

2. Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002.

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for 07/05/2006 Robert E. Mittelstaedt

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

and 4)

Title

Expiration

Date

Amount or Number

Shares

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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