FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## IENT OF CHANGES IN DENEFICIAL OWNERS

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0287

Estimated average burden

0.5

hours per response:

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

# 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* BELINGARD JEAN LUC							2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
DELINGAIND JEAN LUC						HOLDINGS [ LH ]										Director	r		10% Ov	vner	
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle)					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)									+	Officer ( below)	Officer (give title below)		Other (s below)	specify	
430 SOUTH SPRING STREET						05/17/2006															
(Street)					4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Ind Line)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
BURLINGTON NC 27215															)	X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting					
(City) (State) (Zip)																Person	еа ву мог	e tnan	One Repor	ung	
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																					
Date					2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year			ction nstr.	4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)				5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported	s Illy ollowing	Form	: Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
										Code	v	Amount	(A (D	) or )	Price	Transacti (Instr. 3 a	on(s)			(111501.4)	
Common Stock 05/17						/2006				A		842		A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	20,7	20,716(1)		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, T	4. Transa Code (I		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Expi	6. Date Exercisabl Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		le and	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e (C s F ully (C )	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exer	: cisable		Expiration Date	Title	0 N	lumber						
Non- qualified Stock Options <sup>(2)</sup>	\$59.37	05/17/2006			A		1,296		05/1	7/2007 <sup>(3</sup>	)(4)	05/17/2016	Comn		1,296	\$59.37	1,296	5	D		

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002.
- 2. Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- ${\it 3.}\ The\ option\ vests\ in\ three\ equal\ installments\ beginning\ on\ the\ first\ anniversary\ of\ the\ grant\ date.$
- 4. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date reflected in this column.

#### Remarks:

By: /s/ BRADFORD T.
SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for 05/19/2006
Jean-Luc Belingard

\*\* 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).

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

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.