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					L.A	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA  HOLDINGS [ LH ]									heck all ap X Dire	plicable) ctor		Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/02/2006									Offic belo	er (give title w)	Othe belo	r (specify w)	
(Street) BURLIN (City)		NC State)	27215 (Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Lir	ne) X Forr Forr	ual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da					Execution Date,			3. 4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 5)					d Secur Benef	icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
									Code	v	Amount (A) (C)		) or )	Price	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(instr. 4)	
Common Stock 10/02/2					2/2006	/2006		A		24 <sup>(1)</sup>		A	\$ <del>66</del> .	84 1	0,566 <sup>(2)</sup>	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)	ivative Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any				ansaction of ode (Instr. Derivative			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		str. 3	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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## 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.
- 2. Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002.

By: /s/ BRADFORD T.
SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for 10/04/2006
Robert E. Mittelstaedt

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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