FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C	C. 20549
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STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and LAI GO (Last)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/13/2004									Directo Officer below)	lationship of Reporting k all applicable) Director Officer (give title below) EVP, Chief So		10% Ov Other (s below)	vner specify				
(Street)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applica Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person			
(City)	(Sta	, ,	Zip)											Persor	ı ´	e than	One Repor	ting
4 Tid			e I - No			_			_	, Dis				ly Owned		s o	nership	7. Nature of
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				s Illy	Form:	: Direct I	Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
							Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a	on(s)		[Instr. 4)		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾				04/13/2004							3,628	A	\$24.4	6 56,220	.644(2)(3)	D		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾			04/13	04/13/2004				S		693	D	\$40.0	6 55,527	5,527.644 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾		D		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾			04/13	3/2004				S		1,560	D	\$40.0	2 53,967	53,967.644(2)(3)		D		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾			04/13	3/2004				S		1,375	D	\$40	52,592.644 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾			D		
		Ti	able II -								osed of, convertib		-	Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deen Executio if any (Month/D		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date Exerci Expiration Da (Month/Day/Yo		te	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ve es ally ig d tion(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Non- qualified Stock Options ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾	\$24.46	04/13/2004			М		3,628		02/19/2	004	02/19/2013	Common Stock	3,628	\$24.46	46,772	2	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Pursuant to a plan in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 2. Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002.
- 3. Includes 2,000 shares of Common Stock held in Dr. Lai-Goldman's daughter's name. Dr. Lai-Goldman disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- 4. Common stock purchase option granted under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

/s/ Bradford T. Smith,

Attorney-in-Fact for Myla Lai- 04/15/2004

Goldman

** 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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