FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BELINGARD JEAN LUC						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA										Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
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(Last)	(Fi	rst)	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/12/2004											Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)					
(Street)		4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)								
(City)	(SI	ate)	(Zip)												1	X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tab	le I - Nor	n-Deriv	vativ	e Se	curitie	s A	cqu	ıired, [Disp	osed o	f, or E	Bene	eficiall	y Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transar Date (Month/Da						Execution Date,			Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)					es Formally (D) (Following (I) (II)		: Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
										Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)		Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 05/12/						2004				A		1,288	88 A		\$0	18,0	,052(1)		D		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemee Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transa Code (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)			Amount of			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	is illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Code	v	(A) (D)		Dat Exe	te ercisable		xpiration ate	Title	0 0	Amount or Number of Shares						
Non- qualified Stock	\$38.8	05/12/2004			A		1,984		05/	12/2005 ⁽³	3) 0!	5/12/2014	Comm Stock		1,984	\$38.8	1,984		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.
- 3. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on May 12, 2005.

/s/ Bradford T. Smith,

Attorney-in-Fact for Jean-Luc 05/14/2004

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** 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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