FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	S IN BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* KING DAVID P (Last) (First) (Middle) 531 SOUTH SPRING STREET (Street) BURLINGTON NC 27215					Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/24/2012 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							(Che	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
(City)	(5	State)	(Zip)										Person				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D			. Transacti late Month/Day	ay/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) Transaction Code (Instr. 8) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (lnstr. 3 and 4)		Form:	Direct I Indirect E str. 4)	7. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Ownership Instr. 4)					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title an of Securit Underlyin Derivative (Instr. 3 a	ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	e s lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Date Title						Title	or Number of Shares										
Non- qualified Stock Options ⁽¹⁾	\$84.86	05/24/2012		A		149,900		05/24/201	3 ⁽²⁾	05/23/2022	Common Stock	149,900	\$0	149,90	00	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2012 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- 2. The option vests in three equal installments beginning on the date reflected in this column.

/s/ F. Samuel Eberts III,

Attorney-in-Fact for David P. 05/29/2012

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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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