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[_] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).	STATEMEI Filed purs Exchange Public U	Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940						
(Print or Type Respons								
1. Name and Address o		son*				-		
Elingburg,	We	esley		R.				
(Last)	(F:	irst)		(Middle		-		
c/o Laboratory Corpora 420 South Spring Stree	t							
		Street)				-		
Burlington,	No	orth Carolina			27215	_		
(City)		(State)			(Zip)			
2. Issuer Name and Ti	cker or Trading	Symbol						
Labortory Corporat								
(voluntary)4. Statement for Mont5. If Amendment, Date								
	porting Person(s Officer - (give title be	109	(Check all a % Owner _	Othe				
Executive Vice Preside	nt, Chief Financ			er		_		
7. Individual or Join X Form filed b	t/Group Filing y One Reporting		able Line)					
Form filed by	More than One I	Reporting Per	son 					
Table INon-Derivativ					ally Owned	-		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- : action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	action Code (Instr. 8)	or Dis (Instr	sposed o	equired (A) of (D) and 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Benefically Ownership
		Code V		. ,		(105tr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock (1)	02/15/02	 М	8,600		\$ 20.625		D	
					\$ 87.00		D	
Common Stock (1)	02/15/02	S	100	D	\$ 87.01		D	
Common Stock (1)								
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-1 unde	r the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.	

Table II--Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of Derivative 5. Number of 2. Conversion 3. Transaction 4. Transaction Security (Instr. 3) or Exercise Derivative Securities Date Code Price of (Month/Day/ (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Derivative Year) Disposed of (D) Security (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) V Code (A) (D) **Employee** Stock Option(1)(2) \$20,625 02/15/02 8,600 М 6. Date Exer-7. Title and Amount of 8. Price 9. Number 10. Owner-11. Nature Underlying Securities of Derivof of Incisable and ship Derivative Expiration (Instr. 3 and 4) Form direct ative Securities of De-Bene-Date (Month/Day/ Security Beneficially rivative ficial Owned at End Securities Year) (Instr. Ownerof Month 5) Beneship (Instr. 4) ficially (Instr. Owned at 4) End of Month (Instr. 4) Date Amount or Exer-Expiration Number of cisable Date Title Shares Common 02/09/10 8,600 8,600 (3) Stock D Common stock purchase option granted under the Amended and Restated 1999 Stock Incentive Plan.

Explanation of Responses:

- (1)
- (2) Transaction indicated was pursuant to a plan in compliance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- Total option to purchase 25,800 shares vests in three equal installments on February 9, 2001, February 9, 2002, and February 9, 2003.

/s/ Bradford T. Smith

March 11, 2002

**Signature of Reporting Person Bradford T. Smith, Attorney-In-Fact for Wesley R. Elingburg Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If this 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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