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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
BELINGARD JEAN LUC					HOLDINGS [LH]									X	Direc	ctor		10% C	wner		
(Last)	st) (First) (Middle)				3. D	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2004										Officer (give title below)		Other below)		(specify	
(Street)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(City)	(St	ate) (Zip)												X		n filed by One Reporting Person n filed by More than One Reporting son				
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Common Stock 03/01/2					/2004	2004		A		43(1)	A		\$38	.55	16,680 ⁽²⁾			D			
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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.

/s/ Bradford T. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact for Jean-Luc 03/03/2004

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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).
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