

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>EBERTS F SAMUEL III</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>531 SOUTH SPRING STREET</u>  (Street) <u>BURLINGTON NC 27215</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/21/2009</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [ LH ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Legal Officer, Secretary</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	13,963	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Non-qualified Stock Options <sup>(1)</sup>	03/01/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/01/2015	Common Stock 10,000	47.89	D	
Non-qualified Stock Options <sup>(1)</sup>	02/23/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/23/2016	Common Stock 10,000	58.57	D	
Non-qualified Stock Options <sup>(3)</sup>	05/07/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/07/2018	Common Stock 14,400	75.63	D	
Non-qualified Stock Options <sup>(1)</sup>	02/20/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/20/2017	Common Stock 10,000	80.37	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date reflected in this column.
- Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2008 Stock Incentive Plan.

**Remarks:**

F. Samuel Eberts III                      02/02/2009  
 \*\* 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 5 (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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