FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSH

	OWID AT T	OND ALL TO VAL							
VNERSHIP	OMB Number:	3235-0287							
VIVEIXOIIII	Estimated average	Estimated average burden							

hours per response:

OMB ADDDOMAL

0.5

Check this box if no longer subject to	0
Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5	
obligations may continue. See	
Instruction 1(b).	

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Brecher Mark E					LA	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [ LH ]									elationship o ck all applic Directo Officer	able)	Perso	on(s) to Issu 10% Ov Other (s	ner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 531 SOUTH SPRING STREET					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2009									below)				,	
(Street) BURLIN	IGTON N		27215 (Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line)	ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable b)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(-		ble I - Non	n-Deriva	ative	e Se	curities	s Ac	guired. I	Disi	nosed o	f. or E	ene	ficially	/ Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date			action 2 E Day/Year) if		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year		3. Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			(A) or	5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F	s ally ollowing	Form	: Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A)	or	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 03/02				2/2009				A		1,700	,700 A		\$0	1,700			D		
			Table II - I						uired, Di , option:						Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/	ate, Tra	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amour of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			Derivative Security	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e s lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Co	ode	v	(A)		Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	0 0	Amount or Number of Shares					
Non- qualified	\$60.04	03/02/2009			A		19,200		03/02/2010 <sup>(</sup>	(2)	03/02/2019	Comm	on 1	19,200	\$60.04	19,20	0	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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

## Remarks:

Options<sup>(1)</sup>

<u>/s/ F. Samuel Eberts III</u> <u>03/04/2009</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.