FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BELINGARD JEAN LUC				L.A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]									theck all a	oplicable) ector		Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2005										icer (give title ow)	Othe belov	r (specify v)	
(Street) BURLIN (City)		NC State)	27215 (Zip)		4. 11	f Ame	endmen	t, Date o	of Origina	l Filed	I (Month/Da	ay/Yea)		ne) <mark>X</mark> Fo Fo	rm filed by One	o Filing (Check e Reporting Pe re than One Re	son
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Common Stock 01/03/2				3/2005	/2005		A		33(1)		A	\$49.	.69	18,360 ⁽²⁾	D			
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
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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.

By: /s/ BRADFORD T.

SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for 01/05/2005

Jean-Luc Belingard

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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