FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MITTELSTAEDT ROBERT E JR					LA	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [ LH ]									heck all a	pplicable) ector	ng Person(s) to Iss		wner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2005										Officer (give title below)		Other (spec below)	
(Street) BURLINGTON NC 27215 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ne) <mark>X</mark> Fo Fo	idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person			
		Tab	le I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Se	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or	Bene	eficia	lly Ow	ned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execution Date		n Date,	Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)			ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			d Sec Ben Owr	mount of urities eficially ed Following orted	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount	(A (D	) or )	Price	Trar	saction(s) r. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 11/01					/2005	2005		A		33(1)		A	\$49.	05	9,420(2)		)		
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)  3. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		ount	8. Price o Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Owi Fori Dire or II (I) (I	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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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 11/03/2005
Robert E. Mittelstaedt

\*\* 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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