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* <u>MITTELSTAEDT ROBERT E JR</u>							2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA  HOLDINGS [ LH ]									heck all appointed X Direct	tionship of Reportin all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)		10% C	wner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 531 SOUTH SPRING STREET							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/24/2012												Other below)	(specify
(Street) BURLINGTON NC 27215  (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ne) X Forn Forn	ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da							Execution Date,			Code (Instr. 5)						Securi Benef Owner	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		nership Direct Indirect tr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
										Code	v	Amount	(A (E	N) or D)	Price	Transa	action(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 05/24							2012		A		1,800 A		A	\$0	) 1	14,444		D		
	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 Exercis Price of Derivative Security	on D e (N	ite	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date, Transaction Code (Ins					6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owners Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr	vnership rm: rect (D) Indirect	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					,	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	ber					

**Explanation of Responses:** 

/s/ F. Samuel Eberts III,
Attorney-in-Fact for Robert E. 05/29/2012
Mittelstaedt, Jr.

\*\* 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).
- \*\* 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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