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					LA	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [ LH ]										tionship all appl Direct	licable)	g Person(s) to 10%	ssuer Owner	
(Last)	(Fir	rst) (	Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2004										Office below	er (give title /)	Othe belov	r (specify v)	
(Street)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Indivi ne)	vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person				
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Common	Stock			02/02	2/2004				A		40(1)		A	\$40	.82	16,637 <sup>(2)</sup> D				
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,		Transaction Code (Instr.		of		xercis on Date Day/Ye		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)			8. Pri Deriv Secu (Instr	rative rity 7. 5)	derivative Securities	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.

/s/ Bradford T. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact for Jean-Luc 02/04/2004 **Belingard** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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