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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SMITH BRADFORD T				LA	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner						
(Last)		First)	(Middle)			HOLDINGS [LH] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)								Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify	
430 SOUTH SPRING STREET				05/	05/07/2008								EVP, Chf Legal Offcr,Secretary						
(Street)	IGTON I	NC.	27215		4.1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
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(City)		State)	(Zip)											1 01301					
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)				Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (ADisposed Of (D) (Instr. 35)			d (A) or r. 3, 4 and	5. Amou Securitie Benefici Owned F Reporter	s ally following	Form (D) or	orm: Direct) or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
							Code V		Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transact (Instr. 3	ion(s)	ı(s) i 4)		instr. 4)			
	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		3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of		6. Date Exercisabl Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		of Securities		ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e s Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				c	Code	v	(A) (D)		Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Non- qualified Stock Option ⁽¹⁾	\$75.63	05/07/2008			A		87,300		05/07/2009 ⁽²⁾	05	5/07/2018	Common Stock	87,300	\$75.63	87,30	0	D		

Explanation of Responses:

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

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH 05/09/2008

** Signature of Reporting Person Da

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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