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	LA	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner V Officer (give title Other (specify								
(Last) 430 SOUT	•	First)		ate of 1 26/200		st Trans	action (Month	/Day/Year)	X	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & Chief Medical Officer							
(Street)	4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person								
(City)	(5		Zip)	on Dori	vative	. Soo	riti	05. 40	auiro	4 Di	cnocod o	f or Po	noficially	, Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day						ion 2A. Deemed Execution Date,			3. Transa Code (ection	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
						Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a	on(s)			Instr. 4)			
Common S	Stock ⁽¹⁾	2004	004			M		54,400	A	\$33.0625	5 105,52	105,525.612 ⁽²⁾						
Common S	2004	004			S		54,400	D	\$48	51,125	51,125.612 ⁽²⁾							
Common S	Stock									2,000(3)		I		By Daughter				
			Table II								posed of, convertib		•	Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercis Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	if any	emed ion Date, /Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)				6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/		ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Owners Form: Direct (or Indir (I) (Insti	vnership rm:	Beneficial Ownership ect (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerci	isable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Non- qualified Stock	\$33.0625	11/26/2004			M			54,400	02/05	/2002	02/05/2011	Common Stock	54,400	\$33.0625	0.0000)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Pursuant to a plan in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 2. Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002.
- 3. Beneficial ownership of these shares is disclaimed.
- $4. \ Common stock purchase option granted under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 1999 \ Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan.$

By: /s/ BRADFORD T.

SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for 11/30/2004
Myla Lai-Goldman

** 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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