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*  NOVAK RICHARD L				2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA  HOLDINGS [ LH ]									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director 10% Owner     Officer (give title Other (specify			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2005									EVP & Chief Operating Officer			
(Street) BURLINGTON NC (City) (State)	RLINGTON NC 27215			4. If Amendment, Date of 0				Original Filed (Month/D			Line		e) X For For	vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		son
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																
			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)		(A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
							Code	v	Amount	t (A) or (D) F		Price	Trans	action(s) . 3 and 4)		(
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>			03/15/2005						1,688		D	\$45.	9 9	3,138 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>			03/15/2005						405		D	\$45.	36 9	2,733(2)	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>			03/15/2005				S		1,756		D	\$45.85		0,977(2)	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>			03/15/2005				S		102		D	\$45.	33 9	0,875(2)	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>			03/15/2005				S		675		D	\$45.82		0,200(2)	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>			03/15/2005				S		1,182		D	\$45.	31 8	9,018(2)	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>			03/15/2005				S		8,380		D	\$45.8		0,638(2)	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>			03/15/2005				S		338		D	\$45.	78 8	0,300(2)	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>			03/15/2005				S		506		D	\$45.	77 7	9,794 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>			03/15/2005				S		337		D	\$45.			D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>			03/15/2005				S		1,148		D	\$45.	_	8,309(2)	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 03/15/							S				D \$45.7			7,095(2)	D	
	Table II - [ )								sed of, onvertib				Owned	l		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)  2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  Security  3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)		Date,	4. Transacti Code (Ins 8)	ion str.	of E		6. Date E: Expiratio (Month/D	n Date	•	Am Sec Und Der Sec	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	ty Securities	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	,	(A)		Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	or Nun of	ount nber res				

## 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.

## Remarks:

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for 03/17/2005 Richard L. Novak

\*\* 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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