FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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 ]									Check a	onship of Reporting all applicable) Director		Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner		
(Last) (First) (Middle)						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/03/2004										Officer (give title below)		Other below)	(specify	
(Street)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(City)	(St	ate) (.	Zip)													X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Tabl	e I - Nor	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	s Acc	uired,	Dis	posed o	f, o	r Ben	efici	ally O	wned				
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any Code (Instr. Deriv ce of rivative (Month/Day/Year) 8) Secu Acqu			ative rities ired osed . 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instrand 4)  Amount of Mount of Securities and 4)  Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instrand 4)					ount	8. Price Deriva Securi (Instr.	derivative Securities	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				

## **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 05/05/2004 **Belingard** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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