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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 ]									heck al X	nship of Report applicable) Director		10% C	wner
(Last) 430 SOU	t) (First) (Middle) SOUTH SPRING STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2004										Officer (give title below)		Other (specify below)	
(Street) BURLIN (City)		NC (State		27215 Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ne) <mark>X</mark>	ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person			
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)				Date	Transaction 2. ate E Month/Day/Year) if			2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securi		ties Acquired (A)			d Se Be Ov Re Tr	Amount of curities eneficially vned Following eported ansaction(s) str. 3 and 4)	Fo (D)	Ownership orm: Direct ) or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common	on Stock			09/01	/2004	1			A		41(1)	A S		\$40	.5	18,216 <sup>(2)</sup>		D		
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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.

By: /s/ BRADFORD T.

SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for 09/02/2004

Jean-Luc Belingard

\*\* 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).
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