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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* WALLACE ANDREW G					LA	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]									heck all ap	pplicable) ector	g Person(s) to Iss		wner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2004									belo	cer (give title ow)		Other (spec below)	
(Street) BURLINGTON NC 27215 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Lir	ne) X For For	dual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da					Execu ay/Year) if any		A. Deemed xecution Date, any lonth/Day/Year)		Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			d Secu Bene	ficially ed Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount	(A (D) or)	Price	Trans	saction(s) . 3 and 4)			(111511.4)
Common Stock 10/01/2					/2004	2004		A		38(1)	A \$43		\$43.	72 1	2 11,328 ⁽²⁾				
	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 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) 3. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Year)		Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amoun or Numbe of		ount	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owner Form: Direct or Indi (I) (Ins	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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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-

10/04/2004

FACT FOR

** 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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