Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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<u>KING</u>	DAVID P	•						S [L		TXI V	OI THVILI	<u> </u>		X Director 10% Owner					
(Last)	(Fi	irst)	(Middle)	_										Officer (give title Other (specification) below)				pecify
	TH SPRIN		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/06/2017									President & CEO							
(Street)		4.										6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)							
BURLINGTON NC 27215					_										X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)												Person				
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yea		Execut		ate,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		I (A) or D 5)	isposed	Securitie Benefici Owned F	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		Direct li ndirect E r. 4) C	. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Ownership Instr. 4)	
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Common	Stock			09/06/2	2017				M ⁽¹⁾		44,687	A	\$9	0.74	258,7	52.582	Ι)	
Common Stock			09/06/2017					S ⁽¹⁾		37,187	D	\$156.	7688 ⁽²⁾	221,5	221,565.582				
Common	Common Stock			09/06/2017					S ⁽¹⁾		7,500	D	\$157.	3363 ⁽³⁾	214,0	214,065.582			
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Non- qualified Stock Options ⁽⁴⁾	\$90.74	09/06/2017			M			44,687	02/09	/2012 ⁽⁵	02/09/2021	Comm		,687	\$0	0		D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Pursuant to a plan in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 2. The price of \$156.7688 per share represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$156.205 to \$157.20 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.
- 3. The price of \$157.3363 per share represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$157.225 to \$157.430 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.
- 4. Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2008 Stock Incentive Plan.
- $5. \ The \ option \ vested \ in \ three \ equal \ annual \ installments \ beginning \ on \ 02/09/2011 \ and \ is \ now \ fully \ exercisable.$

/s/ F. Samuel Eberts III, Attorney-in-Fact for David P.

09/07/2017

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** Signature of Reporting Person

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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