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 SMITH	LA	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA									ationship of k all applica Director	able)	ng Person(s) to Issue						
					110	HOLDINGS [ LH ]								X	Officer ( below)	give title		Other (sp below)	ecify
(Last)	Last) (First) (Middle)						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/20/2004								CEO, Chief Legal Officer, So			,	
(Street)	4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)									
(City)	/) (State) (Zip)												X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person						
		Tabl	le I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	curiti	es Acc	uired	, Dis	posed of	, or Ben	efici	ially	Owned				
Da				Date	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, 4			and 5) Securitie Beneficia Following		S Ily Owned Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	oirect Ir direct B . 4) C	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	)	Transactio (Instr. 3 an			(1	nstr. 4)
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>					04/20/2004						10,254	A	\$24	24.46 107,666.3		.3601(2)	601 <sup>(2)</sup> D		
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>					04/20/2004				S		1,805	D	\$40	).16	105,861.3601 <sup>(2)</sup>		D		
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>					04/20/2004						1,444	D	\$40	40.12 104,417.		.3601(2)	D	)	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 04					/2004				S		1,444	D	\$40	<b>\$</b> 40.1 102,973.		.3601(2)	D	)	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 04/20					/2004				S		1,445	D	\$40	40.07 101,528.3		.3601(2)	D	)	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 04/20/					/2004				S		1,228	D	\$40	0.05	05 100,300.3601 <sup>(2)</sup>		D		
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 04/20/					2004				S		1,444	D	\$40	).02	2 98,856.3601 <sup>(2)</sup>		D		
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 04/20/					2004				S		1,444	D	\$4	40	97,412.3601(2)		D		
		Т	able II -								osed of, convertib				Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deen Executio if any (Month/D	n Date,	4. Transactio Code (Inst 8)				6. Date Exerci Expiration Da (Month/Day/Yo		te	7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e Or s Fo lly Di or (I)	0. wnership orm: irect (D) r Indirect ) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amor or Numl of Share	ber					
Non- qualified Stock Options <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	\$24.46	04/20/2004			М			10,254	02/19/2	004	02/19/2013	Common Stock	10,2	254	\$24.46	24.46 87,187		D	

## 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.
- 3. Common stock purchase option granted under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

/s/ Bradford T. Smith

04/22/2004

\*\* 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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