

NOVAK RICHARD L
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
NOVAK RICHARD L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
430 SOUTH SPRING STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & Strategic Planning

BURLINGTON, NC 27215

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		510 D \$ 57.8	64,324 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		663 D \$ 57.79	63,661 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		663 D \$ 57.77	62,998 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		1,222 D \$ 57.74	61,776 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		1,020 D \$ 57.7	60,756 ⁽²⁾	D

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Common Stock	02/21/2006	S ⁽¹⁾	255	D	\$ 57.55	60,501 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S ⁽¹⁾	3,823	D	\$ 57.5	56,678 ⁽²⁾	D

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

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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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

NOVAK RICHARD L
430 SOUTH SPRING STREET
BURLINGTON, NC 27215

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EVP & Strategic Planning

Signatures

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for Richard L. Novak

02/23/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (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.

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