

FOREST LABORATORIES INC  
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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 \*  
**SOLOMON HOWARD**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FOREST LABORATORIES INC [FRX]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O FOREST LABORATORIES, 909 THIRD AVENUE**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**10/18/2005**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman and CEO**

(Street)  
**NEW YORK, NY 10022**

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	10/18/2005		M		800,000	A	\$ 5.5235
Common Stock	10/18/2005		G	V	703	D	\$ 0
Common Stock	10/19/2005		S		14,700	D	\$ 34.6
Common Stock	10/19/2005		S		1,400	D	\$ 34.69
	10/19/2005		S		3,600	D	\$ 34.7

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Common Stock							
Common Stock	10/19/2005		S	1,800	D	\$ 34.71	4,797,844 <sup>(1)</sup> D
Common Stock	10/19/2005		S	7,900	D	\$ 34.72	4,789,944 <sup>(1)</sup> D
Common Stock	10/19/2005		S	8,100	D	\$ 34.73	4,781,844 <sup>(1)</sup> D
Common Stock	10/19/2005		S	1,200	D	\$ 34.74	4,780,644 <sup>(1)</sup> D
Common Stock	10/19/2005		S	58,800	D	\$ 34.75	4,721,844 <sup>(1)</sup> D
Common Stock	10/19/2005		S	800	D	\$ 34.76	4,721,044 <sup>(1)</sup> D
Common Stock	10/19/2005		S	1,100	D	\$ 34.77	4,719,944 <sup>(1)</sup> D
Common Stock	10/19/2005		S	300	D	\$ 34.79	4,719,644 <sup>(1)</sup> D
Common Stock	10/19/2005		S	355,300	D	\$ 34.8	4,364,344 <sup>(1)</sup> D
Common Stock	10/19/2005		S	13,500	D	\$ 34.81	4,350,844 <sup>(1)</sup> D
Common Stock	10/19/2005		S	5,000	D	\$ 34.84	4,345,844 <sup>(1)</sup> D
Common Stock	10/19/2005		S	500	D	\$ 34.85	4,345,344 <sup>(1)</sup> 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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares

Stock  
Options (Right to buy) \$ 5.5235 10/18/2005 M 800,000 12/15/1995 12/15/2005 Common Stock 800,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SOLOMON HOWARD C/O FOREST LABORATORIES 909 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

Howard  
Solomon 10/20/2005  
 \*\*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) The reporting person beneficially owns 10,345,344 shares which includes options to purchase 6,000,000 shares.

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