

LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**SMITH BRADFORD T**

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)  
**02/15/2005**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP, Chf Legal Offcr, Secretary**

**BURLINGTON, NC 27215**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/15/2005		M	18,992 A \$ 39.34	117,066.7251 <sub>(2) (3)</sub>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/15/2005		M	15,556 A \$ 33.0625	132,622.7251 <sub>(2) (3)</sub>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/15/2005		S	484 D \$ 50.01	132,138.7251 <sub>(2) (3)</sub>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/15/2005		S	34,064 D \$ 50	98,074.7251 <sub>(2) (3)</sub>	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-qualified Stock Options <u>(1)</u> <u>(4)</u>	\$ 33.0625	02/15/2005		M	15,556	02/05/2002 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/05/2011	Common Stock
Non-qualified Stock Options <u>(1)</u> <u>(4)</u>	\$ 39.34	02/15/2005		M	18,992	01/07/2003 <sup>(5)</sup> 01/07/2012	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH BRADFORD T 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET BURLINGTON, NC 27215			EVP, Chf Legal Offcr,Secretary	

## Signatures

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH 02/17/2005

\*\*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) 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) Amount includes 77,5770 shares acquired on December 31, 2004 under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) Common stock purchase option granted under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

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(5) The option vests in three equal installments beginning on the date reflected in this column.

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