

ABBOTT LABORATORIES
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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 *
LEIDEN JEFFREY M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD

(Street)

ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/17/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President and COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common shares without par value | 02/18/2006 | | F | | 6,102 | D | \$ 44.15 303,247 |
| Common shares without par value | 02/17/2006 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 100,000 | A | \$ 44.16 403,247 |
| Common shares without par value | 02/17/2006 | | S | | 2,000 | D | \$ 44.41 401,247 |

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(2) Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of February 16, 2006.

Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section

(3) 16(b) under Rule 16b-3. The option becomes exercisable in annual increments of 103,334 on 02/17/2007, 103,333 on 02/17/2008 and 103,333 on 02/17/2009.

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