#### SMITH BRADFORD T

Form 4

February 23, 2006

### FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue.

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* SMITH BRADFORD T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Director

Symbol

LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_X\_\_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

02/21/2006

below) below) EVP, Chf Legal Offcr, Secretary

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

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**BURLINGTON, NC 27215** 

430 SOUTH SPRING STREET

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	02/21/2006		M(1)	35,000	A	\$ 24.46	81,414.2881 (2)	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	99	D	\$ 58.5	81,315.2881 (2)	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	158	D	\$ 58.46	81,157.2881 (2)	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	118	D	\$ 58.45	81,039.2881 (2)	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	376	D	\$ 58.44	80,663.2881 (2)	D	

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Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	119	D	\$ 58.43	80,544.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	40	D	\$ 58.42	80,504.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	119	D	\$ 58.41	80,385.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	296	D	\$ 58.4	80,089.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	217	D	\$ 58.39	79,872.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	158	D	\$ 58.38	79,714.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	237	D	\$ 58.37	79,477.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	791	D	\$ 58.35	78,686.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	99	D	\$ 58.3	78,587.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	217	D	\$ 58.29	78,370.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	435	D	\$ 58.28	77,935.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	119	D	\$ 58.27	77,816.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	615	D	\$ 58.26	77,201.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	1,876	D	\$ 58.25	75,325.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	79	D	\$ 58.24	75,246.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	158	D	\$ 58.22	75,088.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	1,423	D	\$ 58.21	73,665.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	672	D	\$ 58.2	72,993.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	145	D	\$ 58.19	72,848.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	316	D	\$ 58.18	72,532.2881 (2)	D
	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	20	D			D

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Common Stock					\$ 58.17	72,512.2881 (2)	
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	79	D	\$ 58.16	72,433.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	277	D	\$ 58.15	72,156.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S(1)	731	D	\$ 58.14	71,425.2881 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	1,008	D	\$ 58.13	70,417.2881 (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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title o
Non-qualified Stock Options (3)	\$ 24.46	02/21/2006		M <u>(1)</u>	35,000	02/19/2004(4)	02/19/2013	Common Stock

# **Reporting Owners**

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

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## **Signatures**

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH

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.
- (3) Common stock purchase option granted under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (4) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date reflected in this column.

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