

Hayes William B
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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 *
Hayes William B

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)
531 SOUTH SPRING STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/26/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Financial Officer, EVP

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/26/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 2,750 A \$ 70.15 | 26,828 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/26/2012 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 2,750 D \$ 90 | 24,078 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/26/2012 | | A | 23,878 ⁽²⁾ A \$ 0 | 47,956 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/26/2012 | | F ⁽³⁾ | 10,137 D \$ 91.9 | 37,819 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/27/2012 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 13,741 D \$ 91.6663 ⁽⁴⁾ | 24,078 | D | |

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-qualified Stock Options ⁽⁵⁾ | \$ 70.15 | 03/26/2012 | | M | 2,750 | 02/09/2011 ⁽⁶⁾ - 02/09/2020 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hayes William B 531 SOUTH SPRING STREET BURLINGTON, NC 27215 | | | Chief Financial Officer, EVP | |

Signatures

/s/ F. Samuel Eberts III, Attorney-in-Fact for William B. Hayes
Date: 03/28/2012

__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) Shares granted on March 26, 2012, pursuant to a performance award granted on February 10, 2009, relating to performance during the three year period ended December 31, 2011.
- (3) Stock withholding to satisfy tax and withholding obligations.
- (4) The price of \$91.6663 per share represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$91.34 to \$92.08 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information

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regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.

(5) Common stock purchase option granted under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2008 Stock Incentive Plan.

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

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