

MITTELSTAEDT ROBERT E JR
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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 *
 MITTELSTAEDT ROBERT E JR

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)
 08/27/2012

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

BURLINGTON, NC 27215

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	08/27/2012		M		\$ 2,536	A	16,980 D
Common Stock	08/27/2012		S		\$ 88.61	D	14,444 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-qualified Stock Options (2)	\$ 30.36	08/27/2012		M	2,536	05/14/2004 ⁽³⁾ 05/14/2013	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MITTELSTAEDT ROBERT E JR 531 SOUTH SPRING STREET BURLINGTON, NC 27215		X		

Signatures

/s/ F. Samuel Eberts III, Attorney-in-Fact for Robert E. Mittelstaedt, Jr. 08/29/2012

**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).
- The price of \$88.61 per share represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$88.59 to \$88.65 per share. The reporting person
- (1) undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.
 - (2) Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
 - (3) The option vested in three equal annual installments beginning on 5/14/2004 and is now fully exercisable.

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