SMITH BRADFORD T

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

LABORATORY CORP OF

AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

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

_X__ Officer (give title) _ Other (specify below) below)

Director

430 SOUTH SPRING STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

EVP, Chf Legal Offcr, Secretary 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

02/17/2006

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

BURLINGTON, NC 27215

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-I | Derivative | Secur | ities Acqu | uired, 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit on(A) or Di (Instr. 3, | 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 | 02/17/2006 | | M(1) | 35,000 | A | \$ 39 | 81,414.2881 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | | S(1) | 405 | D | \$ 58.55 | 81,009.2881 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | | S(1) | 135 | D | \$ 58.54 | 80,874.2881 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | | S(1) | 68 | D | \$ 58.53 | 80,806.2881 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | | S(1) | 203 | D | \$ 58.5 | 80,603.2881 (2) | D | |

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| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 1,824 | D | \$ 58.49 | 78,779.2881 (2) | D |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|-------|---|-------------|--------------------|---|
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 4,662 | D | \$ 58.46 | 74,117.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 203 | D | \$ 58.45 | 73,914.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 541 | D | \$ 58.42 | 73,373.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 1,081 | D | \$ 58.41 | 72,292.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 811 | D | \$ 58.4 | 71,481.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 1,892 | D | \$ 58.39 | 69,589.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 743 | D | \$ 58.38 | 68,846.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 608 | D | \$ 58.35 | 68,238.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 1,486 | D | \$ 58.33 | 66,752.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 1,419 | D | \$ 58.31 | 65,333.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 2 | D | \$ 58.29 | 65,331.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 68 | D | \$ 58.28 | 65,263.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S(1) | 1,959 | D | \$ 58.27 | 63,304.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 405 | D | \$ 58.26 | 62,899.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 540 | D | \$ 58.25 | 62,359.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 1,692 | D | \$ 58.24 | 60,667.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 2,093 | D | \$ 58.22 | 58,574.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 1,754 | D | \$ 58.21 | 56,820.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 1,892 | D | \$ 58.2 | 54,928.2881 (2) | D |
| | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 683 | D | | | D |

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| Common Stock | | | | | \$ 58.17 | 54,245.2881 (2) | |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|-------|---|-------------|--------------------|---|
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 608 | D | \$ 58.16 | 53,637.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 1,149 | D | \$ 58.14 | 52,488.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 1,689 | D | \$ 58.11 | 50,799.2881 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2006 | S <u>(1)</u> | 608 | D | \$ 58.1 | 50,191.2881 (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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | 7. Title and Ar Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---------|---|--|-----------------|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Non-qualified Stock Options (3) | \$ 39 | 02/17/2006 | | M <u>(1)</u> | 35,000 | 02/17/2005(4) | 02/17/2014 | 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 | | | | |

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Signatures

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH

02/22/2006

**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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