NOVAK RICHARD L

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NOVAK RICHARD L

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)

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

430 SOUTH SPRING STREET

02/21/2006

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line)

Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

BURLINGTON, NC 27215

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed 4 and : (A) or	l of (D) 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)
Common Stock	02/21/2006		Code V $S_{(1)}^{(1)}$	Amount 765	(D)	Price \$ 58.02	108,045 (2)	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S(1)	4,996	D	\$ 58.01	103,049 (2)	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S(1)	14,376	D	\$ 58	88,673 (2)	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S(1)	408	D	\$ 57.99	88,265 (2)	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S(1)	1,071	D	\$ 57.98	87,194 (2)	D	

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Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	3,110	D	\$ 57.97	84,084 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	714	D	\$ 57.95	83,370 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	408	D	\$ 57.94	82,962 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	3,263	D	\$ 57.91	79,699 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	2,804	D	\$ 57.9	76,895 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	2,294	D	\$ 57.89	74,601 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	1,274	D	\$ 57.88	73,327 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	2,071	D	\$ 57.87	71,256 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	1,173	D	\$ 57.86	70,083 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	1,274	D	\$ 57.85	68,809 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S(1)	102	D	\$ 57.84	68,707 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S(1)	51	D	\$ 57.83	68,656 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S(1)	1,784	D	\$ 57.82	66,872 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S(1)	2,038	D	\$ 57.81	64,834 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S(1)	2,600	D	\$ 58.13	118,583 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	1,479	D	\$ 58.12	117,104 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	1,921	D	\$ 58.11	115,183 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	306	D	\$ 58.1	114,877 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S(1)	1,122	D	\$ 58.09	113,755 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	255	D	\$ 58.08	113,500 (2)	D
	02/21/2006	S(1)	917	D		112,583 (2)	D

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Common Stock					\$ 58.07		
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	1,631	D	\$ 58.06	110,952 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	561	D	\$ 58.05	110,391 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	1,224	D	\$ 58.04	109,167 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	357	D	\$ 58.03	108,810 (2)	D

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:	ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	ınt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	porting Owner Name / Address				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	

NOVAK RICHARD L 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET BURLINGTON, NC 27215

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Signatures

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for Richard L. Novak 02/23/2006

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**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.

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