

BIO RAD LABORATORIES INC
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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 *
 SCHWARTZ DAVID

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1000 ALFRED NOBEL DRIVE
 (Street)

HERCULES, CA 94547

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BIO RAD LABORATORIES INC
 [BIO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/23/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman of the Board

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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		
Bio-Rad A Common Stock	02/23/2005		G		860 D \$ 48.73	3,196,946	D
Bio-Rad B Common Stock	02/23/2005		G		2,640 D \$ 48.5	122,512	D
Bio-Rad B Common Stock	02/24/2005		M		65,930 A \$ 12.96	188,442	D
Bio-Rad A Common						11,437	I by Trust

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Stock

Bio-Rad B Common Stock	4,060,054	I	Limited Partnership <u>(1)</u>
Bio-Rad B Common Stock	41,176	I	by Partnership <u>(2)</u>

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.96	02/24/2005		M	65,930	02/07/1997	02/07/2006	Bio-Rad B Common Stock	65
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.77					02/06/2003	02/06/2007	Bio-Rad B Common Stock	10
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.6					02/05/2004	02/05/2008	Bio-Rad B Common Stock	2,
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 58.85					02/04/2005	02/04/2009	Bio-Rad B Common Stock	1,
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 62.04					02/09/2006	02/09/2010	Bio-Rad B Common	1,

					Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.31	02/02/2001	02/02/2010		Bio-Rad B Common Stock	66
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.94	09/19/2001	09/19/2010		Bio-Rad B Common Stock	72
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.97	02/11/1999	02/11/2008		Bio-Rad B Common Stock	63
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.82	02/05/1998	02/05/2007		Bio-Rad B Common Stock	64
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.88	02/06/2003	02/06/2012		Bio-Rad B Common Stock	54
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36	02/05/2004	02/05/2013		Bio-Rad B Common Stock	7,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 53.5	02/04/2005	02/04/2014		Bio-Rad B Common Stock	8,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 56.4	02/09/2006	02/09/2015		Bio-Rad B Common Stock	8,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHWARTZ DAVID 1000 ALFRED NOBEL DRIVE HERCULES, CA 94547	X	X	Chairman of the Board	

Signatures

David Schwartz

02/28/2005

**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) The shares are held by a limited partnership of which the reporting person is a general partner.
- (2) The shares are held by a limited partnership of which the reporting person is a limited and general partner.

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