

NOVAK RICHARD L

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
NOVAK RICHARD L

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)
430 SOUTH SPRING STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2006

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
EVP & Strategic Planning

BURLINGTON, NC 27215

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

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Person

(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)
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 765 D \$ 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	<u>S(1)</u>	3,110	D	\$ 57.97	84,084 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	714	D	\$ 57.95	83,370 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	408	D	\$ 57.94	82,962 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	3,263	D	\$ 57.91	79,699 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	2,804	D	\$ 57.9	76,895 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	2,294	D	\$ 57.89	74,601 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	1,274	D	\$ 57.88	73,327 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	2,071	D	\$ 57.87	71,256 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	1,173	D	\$ 57.86	70,083 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	1,274	D	\$ 57.85	68,809 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	102	D	\$ 57.84	68,707 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	51	D	\$ 57.83	68,656 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	1,784	D	\$ 57.82	66,872 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	2,038	D	\$ 57.81	64,834 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	2,600	D	\$ 58.13	118,583 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	1,479	D	\$ 58.12	117,104 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	1,921	D	\$ 58.11	115,183 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	306	D	\$ 58.1	114,877 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	1,122	D	\$ 58.09	113,755 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	255	D	\$ 58.08	113,500 <u>(2)</u>	D
	02/21/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	917	D		112,583 <u>(2)</u>	D

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Common Stock					\$ 58.07			
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S ⁽¹⁾	1,631	D	\$ 58.06	110,952 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S ⁽¹⁾	561	D	\$ 58.05	110,391 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S ⁽¹⁾	1,224	D	\$ 58.04	109,167 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S ⁽¹⁾	357	D	\$ 58.03	108,810 ⁽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. 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Report Trans (Instr.
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
NOVAK RICHARD L 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET BURLINGTON, NC 27215	Director 10% Owner Officer Other EVP & Strategic Planning

Signatures

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

__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.

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