FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  BELINGARD JEAN LUC					LA	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA  HOLDINGS [ LH ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2005									Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify	
(Street) BURLIN (City)	IGTON N		27215 (Zip)		4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indi Line) X	′					
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D				saction	ear)	2A. Deen Execution if any (Month/D	ned n Date	3. Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securi	4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3,			5. Amou Securitie Benefici Owned I		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D) Price		ice	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 05/18					8/200	/2005		A		1,001 A			\$0	19,5	19,501(1)		D			
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Non- qualified Stock	\$49.93	05/18/2005			A		1,542		05/18/2000	j(3)	05/18/2015	Common Stock	1,5	642	\$49.93	1,542	2	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002.
- 2. Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- 3. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date reflected in this column.

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for 05/20/2005 Jean-Luc Belingard

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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).

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