

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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<u>NOVAK RICHARD L</u>			<u>LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP & Strategic Planning</u>	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
<u>430 SOUTH SPRING STREET</u>			<u>02/21/2006</u>			
(Street)	(City)	(State)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
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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			
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		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	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		3,110	D	\$57.97	84,084 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		714	D	\$57.95	83,370 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		408	D	\$57.94	82,962 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		3,263	D	\$57.91	79,699 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		2,804	D	\$57.9	76,895 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		2,294	D	\$57.89	74,601 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		1,274	D	\$57.88	73,327 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		2,071	D	\$57.87	71,256 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		1,173	D	\$57.86	70,083 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		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 ⁽²⁾	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 ⁽¹⁾		1,479	D	\$58.12	117,104 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		1,921	D	\$58.11	115,183 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		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 ⁽¹⁾		255	D	\$58.08	113,500 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		917	D	\$58.07	112,583 ⁽²⁾	D	
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	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

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.

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

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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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