FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* KING DAVID P						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]							(Ch	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 531 SOUTH SPRING STREET					3.	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/09/2012								X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO				
(Street) BURLINGTON NC 27215					4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip)													Person				
		Tal	ole I - No	on-Deri	ivativ	re S	ecuri	ties Ac	quired	l, Di	sposed o	f, or Ber	neficial	ly Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Date)					ar)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			Beneficia Owned F	s F ally (i ollowing (i	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock				07/09/2012		2			M ⁽¹⁾		35,000	A	\$58.5	7 145,23	31.7212	D		
Common Stock			07/09/2012		12		M ⁽¹⁾		49,800	A	\$60.0	4 195,03	195,031.7212					
Common Stock 07/0				07/09	9/2012				S ⁽¹⁾		84,800	D	\$92.11	(2) 110,23	31.7212	D		
Common Stock														43,758		I	By grantor retained annuity trust	
			Table II						,		oosed of, convertib		,	Owned				
	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	nversion Date Exercise (Month/Day/Year) ce of rivative		Execution Date, if any		4. Transaction Code (Instr 8)		on of		Exercis on Dat Day/Ye		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)	Ownersi Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisa	ıble	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Non- qualified Stock Options ⁽³⁾	\$58.57	07/09/2012			M			35,000	02/23/20	07 ⁽⁴⁾	02/23/2016	Common Stock	35,000	\$0	0	D		
Non- qualified Stock Options ⁽⁵⁾	\$60.04	07/09/2012			M			49,800	02/11/20	10 ⁽⁶⁾	02/11/2019	Common Stock	49,800	\$0	199,20	0 D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Pursuant to a plan in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 2. The price of \$92.11 per share represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$91.75 to \$92.50 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.
- 3. Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- 4. The option vested in three equal annual installments beginning on 02/23/2007 and is now fully exercisable.
- 5. Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2008 Stock Incentive Plan.
- $6. \ The option vested in three equal annual installments beginning on 2/11/2010 \ and is now fully exercisable.$

/s/ F. Samuel Eberts III,

Attorney-in-Fact for David P. **King**

Date

07/11/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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