

LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS
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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 *
 Hayes William B

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)
 03/01/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. Vice President

BURLINGTON, NC 27215

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	03/01/2006		F ⁽¹⁾		577 D \$ 58.11	18,024 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	03/01/2006		M ⁽³⁾		5,000 A \$ 47.89	23,024 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	03/01/2006		S ⁽³⁾		5,000 D \$ 58.11	18,024 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	03/02/2006		S ⁽³⁾		1,089 D \$ 57.7	16,935 ⁽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 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-qualified Stock Options ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 47.89	03/01/2006		M ⁽³⁾	5,000	03/01/2006 ⁽⁵⁾ 03/01/2015	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hayes William B 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET BURLINGTON, NC 27215			Sr. Vice President	

Signatures

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for William B. Hayes
Date: 03/03/2006

**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) Stock withholding to satisfy tax and withholding obligations.
- (2) Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002.
- (3) Pursuant to a plan in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (4) Common stock purchase option granted under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (5) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date reflected in this column.

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