

FOREST LABORATORIES INC  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Gergel Ivan (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O FOREST LABORATORIES, INC., Â 909 THIRD AVENUE (Street)  NEW YORK, Â NY Â 10022 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FOREST LABORATORIES INC [FRX]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Sr VP - Chief Sci. Officer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	0	D	Â

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	05/22/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/22/2006	Common Stock	4,740	\$ 21.086	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	05/22/2001 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/22/2006	Common Stock	11,260	\$ 21.086	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/14/2002 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/14/2011	Common Stock	18,380	\$ 38.145	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/14/2006	12/14/2011	Common Stock	2,620	\$ 38.145	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/13/2003 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/13/2012	Common Stock	27,932	\$ 48.34	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/13/2007	12/13/2012	Common Stock	2,068	\$ 48.34	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/12/2004 <sup>(5)</sup>	12/12/2013	Common Stock	13,306	\$ 59.05	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/12/2006 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/12/2013	Common Stock	1,694	\$ 59.05	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/13/2005 <sup>(7)</sup>	12/13/2014	Common Stock	12,648	\$ 42.535	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/13/2005 <sup>(8)</sup>	12/13/2014	Common Stock	2,352	\$ 42.535	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gergel Ivan C/O FOREST LABORATORIES, INC. 909 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022	Â	Â	Â Sr VP - Chief Sci. Officer	Â

## Signatures

Ivan Gergel 05/27/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The option is currently exercisable as to 4,700 shares.
- (2) The option is currently exercisable as to 11,260 shares.

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- (3) The option is currently exercisable as to 4,500 shares, and will become exercisable as to an additional 4,500 shares on 12/14/2005 and as to the remaining 9,380 shares on 12/14/06.
- (4) The option is currently exercisable as to 9,000 shares, and will become exercisable as to an additional 4,500 shares on each of 12/13/2005 and 12/13/2006 and as to the remaining 9,932 shares on 12/13/2007.
- (5) The option is currently exercisable as to 2,250 shares, and will become exercisable as to an additional 2,250 shares on 12/12/2005, as to 2,249 shares on 12/12/2006, as to 2,250 shares on 12/12/2007 and as to the remaining 4,307 shares on 12/12/2008.
- (6) The option will become exercisable as to 1 share on 12/12/2006 and as to the remaining 1,693 shares on 12/12/2008.
- (7) The option will become exercisable as to 2,249 shares on 12/13/2005 and as to 2,250 shares on each of 12/13/2006, 12/13/2007 and 12/13/2008 and as to the remaining 3,649 shares on 12/13/2009.
- (8) The option will become exercisable as to 1 share on 12/13/2005 and as to the remaining 2,351 shares on 12/13/2009.

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