SMITH BRADFORD T

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH BRADFORD T			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify		
430 SOUTH SPRING STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 11/22/2004	below) below) EVP, Chf Legal Offcr,Secretary		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
DUDLINGTON NG 27215			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		

BURLINGTON, NC 27215

(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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of	` ′	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)
Common Stock (1)	11/22/2004		M	15,555	A	\$ 33.0625	113,552.1481 (2)	D	
Common Stock (1)	11/22/2004		S	15,555	D	\$ 47.5	97,997.1481 (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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Nun of S
Non-qualified Stock Options	\$ 33.0625	11/22/2004		M	1	5,555	02/05/2002	02/05/2011	Common Stock	15,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITH BRADFORD T 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET BURLINGTON, NC 27215

EVP, Chf Legal Offcr, Secretary

Signatures

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH

11/24/2004

**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) 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.
- (3) Common stock purchase option granted under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

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