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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

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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]

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/23/2012

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Chief Financial Officer, EVP 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Issuer

below)

Person

Director

_X__ Officer (give title

BURLINGTON, NC 27215

531 SOUTH SPRING STREET

(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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/23/2012		M <u>(1)</u>	30,367	A	\$ 60.04	58,932	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2012		M <u>(1)</u>	41,716	A	\$ 70.15	100,648	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2012		S(1)	16,707 (2)	D	\$ 88.6712	83,941	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2012		S <u>(1)</u>	59,863 (3)	D	\$ 89.9621	24,078	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)	5. Number of or 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 An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title c
Non-qualified Stock Options	\$ 60.04	03/23/2012		M <u>(1)</u>	30,367	02/10/2010(5)	02/10/2019	Common Stock
Non-qualified Stock Options	\$ 70.15	03/23/2012		M <u>(1)</u>	41,716	02/09/2011(5)	02/09/2020	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hayes William B 531 SOUTH SPRING STREET BURLINGTON, NC 27215

Chief Financial Officer, EVP

Signatures

/s/ F. Samuel Eberts III, Attorney-in-Fact for William B. Hayes

03/27/2012

**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.
- The price of \$88.6712 per share represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$88.40 to \$88.99 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
- (2) 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) The price of \$89.9621 per share represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$89.62 to \$90.27 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

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- (4) Common stock purchase option granted under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2008 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (5) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date reflected in this column.

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