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### FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *  Hayes William B			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	03/10/2003	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
430 SOUTH	H SPRING	STREET		(CI 1				
(Street)			(Check all applicable)			6. Individual or Joint/Group		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	tive Securiti	es Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	ırity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr	*	
Common St	tock		15,000 (1)		D	Â		
Reminder: Rep	_		ach class of securities benefic	ially S	EC 1473 (7-02	)		
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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		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			(Instr. 4)	J	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	<b>A</b>	Derivative	Security:		
				Amount or Number of	Security	Direct (D)		
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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-qualified Stock Options (2)	02/14/2003(3)	02/14/2012	Common Stock	14,600	\$ 43.53	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Options (4)	02/19/2004(3)	02/19/2013	Common Stock	9,733	\$ 24.46	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Options (2)	03/25/2004(3)	03/25/2013	Common Stock	5,400	\$ 28.18	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Options (2)	02/17/2005(3)	02/17/2014	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 39	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Options (2)	03/01/2006(3)	03/01/2015	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 47.89	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

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

## **Signatures**

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR

03/17/2005

\*\*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) Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002.
- (2) Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (3) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date reflected in this column.
- (4) Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 1994 Stock Incentive Plan. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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