ASHLEY RICHARD W

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

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1(b).

value

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ASHLEY RICHARD W			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (N		Date of Earliest Tra		~ [,	(Chec	k all applicable)	
100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD			(Month/Day/Year) 02/29/2008				Director 10% Owner Specify below) below) Executive Vice President			
ABBOTT P.	(Street) ARK, IL 60064-6	File	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
(City)		(Zip)	Table I - Non-D	erivative :	Secur	ities Acq	Person uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Da any (Month/Day/Y	3. te, if Transactio Code	4. Securi	ties Ad	equired d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common shares without par	02/29/2008		F	7,259	D	\$ 54.22	192,747	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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transacti	5. onNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amount		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month Day/Tear)	(Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of	(Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	ring es	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Number		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Executive

President

Vice

ASHLEY RICHARD W 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400

Signatures

Deborah K. Koenen by power of attorney for Richard W.

Ashley 03/04/2008

**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).

Remarks:

This transaction was made pursuant to a previously adopted plan complying with Rule 10b5-1(c). The plan was adopted on January Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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