ABBOTT LABORATORIES

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

without par value

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WHITE MILES D				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2008						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD			(Check all applicable) X Director										
(Street) ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					A - -	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
									Person				
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)			on-I			-	red, Disposed of,		•	
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any		ned n Date, if Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or))	Securities Ownership In Beneficially Form: Be Owned Direct (D) O		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
	Common				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Ilisti. 3 and 4)			
	Common shares without par value	12/17/2008			G	V	883	D	\$ 0	1,255,298	D		
	Common shares without par value	12/18/2008			G	V	19,297	D	\$ 0	1,236,001	D		
	Common shares without	01/28/2009			M		269,100	A	\$ 53.6	1,505,101	D		

Common shares without par value	01/28/2009	S	134,800	D	\$ 55	1,370,301	D
Common shares without par value	01/28/2009	S	21,300	D	\$ 55.01	1,349,001	D
Common shares without par value	01/28/2009	S	5,400	D	\$ 55.02	1,343,601	D
Common shares without par value	01/28/2009	S	2,800	D	\$ 55.03	1,340,801	D
Common shares without par value	01/28/2009	S	900	D	\$ 55.04	1,339,901	D
Common shares without par value	01/28/2009	S	97,900	D	\$ 55.05	1,242,001	D
Common shares without par value	01/28/2009	S	1,300	D	\$ 55.06	1,240,701	D
Common shares without par value	01/28/2009	S	500	D	\$ 55.07	1,240,201	D
Common shares without par value	01/28/2009	S	2,500	D	\$ 55.08	1,237,701	D
Common shares without par value	01/28/2009	S	200	D	\$ 55.09	1,237,501	D
Common shares without par value	01/28/2009	S	1,500	D	\$ 55.1	1,236,001	D
	01/29/2009	M	47,560	A	\$ 53.6	1,283,561	D

Common shares without par value								
Common shares without par value	01/29/2009	S	27,500	D	\$ 55	1,256,061	D	
Common shares without par value	01/29/2009	S	1,160	D	\$ 55.06	1,254,901	D	
Common shares without par value	01/29/2009	S	8,500	D	\$ 55.07	1,246,401	D	
Common shares without par value	01/29/2009	S	7,200	D	\$ 55.08	1,239,201	D	
Common shares without par value	01/29/2009	S	3,200	D	\$ 55.09	1,236,001	D	
Common shares without par value						18,909 (1)	I	Profit Sharing Trust
Common shares without par value	12/17/2008	G	V 690	A	\$ 0	690	I	By wife
Common shares without par value	12/18/2008	G	V 690	D	\$ 0	0	I	By wife
Common shares without par value	12/18/2008	G	V 327	A	\$ 0	5,495	I	By son (2)
Common shares without par value	12/18/2008	G	V 327	A	\$ 0	5,495	I	By son (2)

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. Transaction 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 Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
(Option (right to ouy) (3)	\$ 53.6	01/28/2009		M		269,100	03/20/2008	02/11/2009	Common Shares	269,10
(Option (right to ouy) (3)	\$ 53.6	01/29/2009		M		47,560	03/20/2008	02/11/2009	Common Shares	47,560

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Transfer de la companya de la compan	Director	10% Owner	Officer			
WHITE MILES D						
100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD	X		Chairman and CEO			
ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400						

Signatures

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Miles D.
White
01/30/2009

**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) Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of January 29, 2009.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities held by his wife and son.
- (3) Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program, including a replacement option feature, in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16b-3.

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