FOREST LABORATORIES INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SALANS LESTER B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

FOREST LABORATORIES INC

(Check all applicable)

[FRX]

(Middle)

(Zip)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

08/14/2008

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

C/O FOREST LABORATORIES,

(Street)

(State)

INC., 909 THIRD AVENUE

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City)

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) 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	08/14/2008		M	8,000	A	\$ 9.7657	27,000	D	
Common Stock	08/14/2008		S	2,400	D	\$ 37.8942	24,600	D	
Common Stock	08/14/2008		S	5,600	D	\$ 37.83	19,000	D	

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.7657	08/14/2008		M		8,000	02/21/1999	08/21/2008	Common Stock	8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SALANS LESTER B C/O FOREST LABORATORIES, INC. 909 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022



Signatures

/s/ Lester B. 08/18/2008 Salans

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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