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(Print or Type	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> SOLOMON HOWARD			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FOREST LABORATORIES INC [FRX]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O FOREST LABORATORIES, INC., 909 THIRD AVENUE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/06/2008					X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chairman and CEO			
				endment, D nth/Day/Yea	ate Original r)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)				•.		Person			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		ansaction Date 2A. Deemed			(A) or						
Common Stock	06/06/2008			Code V F	Amount 6,073	(D) D	Price \$ 34.85	780,354 <u>(1)</u>	D		
Common Stock	12/06/2008			F	7,170	D	\$ 22.96	773,184	D		
Common Stock	12/08/2008			А	120,000	А	\$0	893,184 <u>(3)</u>	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount o Number o Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.12	12/08/2008		А	125,000	06/08/2009	12/07/2018	Common Stock	125,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
I State and a state	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SOLOMON HOWARD C/O FOREST LABORATORIES, INC. 909 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022	Х		Chairman and CEO			
Signatures						

/s/ Howard Solomon 12/09/2008 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- This item reports a withholding of shares upon the initial vesting of a restricted stock award which was inadvertently omitted from the (1) Reporting Person's prior reports on Form 4.

These shares of common stock are issued under the Company's 2007 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to a risk of forfeiture, which (2) lapses as to 25% of the shares on the sixth month anniversary, 50% of the shares on the first anniversary and 25% of the shares on the second anniversary of the grant date (December 8, 2008).

- (3) This amount includes shares of common stock which are subject to a risk of forfeiture.
- (4) Not Applicable.

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