FOREST LABORATORIES INC

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **SOLOMON HOWARD** Issuer Symbol FOREST LABORATORIES INC (Check all applicable) [FRX] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O FOREST 10/18/2005 Chairman and CEO LABORATORIES, 909 THIRD **AVENUE**

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	or (Instr. 3 and 4)					
Common Stock	10/18/2005		M		800,000	A	\$ 5.5235	4,820,047 (1)	D		
Common Stock	10/18/2005		G	V	703	D	\$0	4,819,344 (1)	D		
Common Stock	10/19/2005		S		14,700	D	\$ 34.6	4,804,644 (1)	D		
Common Stock	10/19/2005		S		1,400	D	\$ 34.69	4,803,244 (1)	D		
	10/19/2005		S		3,600	D	\$ 34.7	4,799,644 (1)	D		

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Common Stock					
Common Stock	10/19/2005	S	1,800	D	\$ 34.71 4,797,844 (1) D
Common Stock	10/19/2005	S	7,900	D	\$ 34.72 4,789,944 (1) D
Common Stock	10/19/2005	S	8,100	D	\$ 34.73 4,781,844 (1) D
Common Stock	10/19/2005	S	1,200	D	\$ 34.74 4,780,644 (1) D
Common Stock	10/19/2005	S	58,800	D	\$ 34.75 4,721,844 (1) D
Common Stock	10/19/2005	S	800	D	\$ 34.76 4,721,044 (1) D
Common Stock	10/19/2005	S	1,100	D	\$ 34.77 4,719,944 (1) D
Common Stock	10/19/2005	S	300	D	\$ 34.79 4,719,644 (1) D
Common Stock	10/19/2005	S	355,300	D	\$ 34.8 4,364,344 (1) D
Common Stock	10/19/2005	S	13,500	D	\$ 34.81 4,350,844 (1) D
Common Stock	10/19/2005	S	5,000	D	\$ 34.84 4,345,844 (1) D
Common Stock	10/19/2005	S	500	D	\$ 34.85 4,345,344 (1) 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)	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic 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)		Underlying	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
			Code	V	(A) (I	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares	

Stock

Options (Right to \$5.5235 10/18/2005 M 800,000 12/15/1995 12/15/2005 Common Stock 800,000

buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SOLOMON HOWARD C/O FOREST LABORATORIES 909 THIRD AVENUE

X Chairman and CEO

NEW YORK, NY 10022

Signatures

Howard

Solomon 10/20/2005

**Signature of Person 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).
- (1) The reporting person beneficially owns 10,345,344 shares which includes options to purchase 6,000,000 shares.

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