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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KING DAVID P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below) below)

430 SOUTH SPRING STREET

(State)

(Zip)

05/13/2005

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(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

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BURLINGTON, NC 27215

(City)

(City)	(State)	Tabl	Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securi		•	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect		
(Instr. 3)	, ,	any	Code	(Instr. 3,		` ′	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	(D) or	Ownership		
							Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)		
					(4)		Reported	(Instr. 4)			
					(A)		Transaction(s)				
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock (1)	05/13/2005		M	3,267	A	\$ 43.53	21,577.7145 (2)	D			
Common Stock (1)	05/13/2005		S	3,267	D	\$ 49.6	18,310.7145 (2)	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of Sh
	Non-qualified Stock Options	\$ 43.53	05/13/2005		M	3,267	02/14/2003(4)	02/14/2012	Common Stock	3

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KING DAVID P 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET BURLINGTON, NC 27215

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Signatures

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for David P. King 05/17/2005

**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) Pursuant to a plan in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (2) Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002.
- (3) Common stock purchase option granted under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (4) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date reflected in this column.

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