

BURKE WILLIAM J III
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BURKE WILLIAM J III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
LABRANCHE & CO INC [LAB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
**C/O LABRANCHE & CO INC., 33
 WHITEHALL STREET**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
01/20/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Operating Officer

(Street)
NEW YORK, NY 10004

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
"LAB" Common Stock	01/20/2009		M		1,833	A	\$ 4.83
					572,869	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)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr
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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
								(1)	(1)	"LAB" Common Stock	1,833
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 4.83	01/20/2009		M			1,833	(1)	(1)	"LAB" Common Stock	1,833

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BURKE WILLIAM J III C/O LABRANCHE & CO INC. 33 WHITEHALL STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004			Chief Operating Officer	

Signatures

William J. Burke, III 01/26/2009

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive a share of LAB Common Stock. The reporting person received 5,500 restricted stock units on January 18, 2006, which vest in equal one-third installments on each of January 18, 2007, January 18, 2008 and January 18, 2009. The final 1,833 shares of LAB common stock vested on January 20, 2009, the first trading day following the vesting date.

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