KING DAVID P Form 4

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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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

430 SOUTH SPRING STREET

(Street)

(State)

12/16/2005

(Month/Day/Year)

EVP & Chief Operating Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Director

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

> _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

> > D

Person

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

BURLINGTON, NC 27215

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

10% Owner

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

1,991 D

16,441.7265

Common Stock

12/16/2005

 $S^{(1)}$ \$ 55 (2)

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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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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or	S		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo
					Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KING DAVID P 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET BURLINGTON, NC 27215

EVP & Chief Operating Officer

12/20/2005

Signatures

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

**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.

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