

KING DAVID P  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
531 SOUTH SPRING STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/25/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

BURLINGTON, NC 27215

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/25/2012                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 20,000 A \$ 58.57   | 122,037.0464 <sup>(2)</sup>   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/25/2012                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 20,000 D \$ 92  | 102,037.0464 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 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. 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-qualified Stock Options <sup>(3)</sup> | \$ 58.57   | 01/25/2012                           |  | M                              | 20,000  | 02/23/2007 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/23/2016                     | Common Stock                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| KING DAVID P<br>531 SOUTH SPRING STREET<br>BURLINGTON, NC 27215 | X             |           | President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ F. Samuel Eberts III, Attorney-in-Fact for David P. King  
01/27/2012

\*\*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 includes 79,6959 shares acquired on December 31, 2011 under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Common stock purchase option granted under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (4) The option vested in three equal annual installments beginning on 02/23/2007 and is now fully exercisable.

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