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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Watkin Jared</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD</u>  (Street) <u>ABBOTT PARK IL 60064</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ ABT ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Senior Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/16/2018</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common shares without par value	02/16/2018		A		27,819 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0	74,357	D	
Common shares without par value	02/20/2018		F		683	D	\$60.17	73,674	D	
Common shares without par value	02/20/2018		S		97	D	\$59.2901	73,577	D	
Common shares without par value	02/20/2018		S		200	D	\$59.291	73,377	D	
Common shares without par value								492 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	Profit Sharing Trust

**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 Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$59.94	02/16/2018		A		152,981		02/16/2019	02/15/2028	Common shares	152,981	\$0	152,981	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- These shares represent performance vested restricted stock awards under the Abbott Laboratories 2017 Incentive Stock Program. The awards have a 3-year term, with no more than 1/3 of the award vesting in any one year upon Abbott reaching a minimum return on equity target. The awards include the right to have stock withheld for tax purposes.
- Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of February 16, 2018.
- Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 2017 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16b-3. The option becomes exercisable in annual increments of 50,994 on 02/16/2019, 50,993 on 02/16/2020, and 50,994 on 02/16/2021.

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Jared Watkin      02/21/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person      Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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