FORM 4

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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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| <b>STATEMENT</b> | OF CHAN | GES IN E | BENEFICIAL | OWNERSHIP |

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FREYMAN THOMAS C |  |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ ABT ] |               |                            |                               |  |                                   |                                    |   |                  |               | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owne |  |  |  | ner  |   |                            |
|---|--|--|---|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|---|----------------------------|
| (Last)  | (F<br>BOTT PARI  | iirst)<br>K ROAD   | (Middle)  | I .           |                            |                               | Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 2/20/2009        |                                   |                                    |   |                  |               |  |  | below)   | Officer (give title below)  Executive Vice Pro                           |  | Other (s<br>below)<br>resident                                    | респу                      |
| (Street) ABBOT  | T PARK II  |  | 60064-640   | 00            | 4. If Amendment, Date of C |                               |  |                                   | of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |   |                  |               |  | Line)  | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |   |                            |
| (City)  | (S   | State)   | (Zip)   |               |                            |                               |  |                                   |                                    |   |                  |               |  |  |  |  |  |   |                            |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)                           |  |  | 2. Trans  | . Transaction |                            | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, |  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |                                    | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and                       |                  |               | (A) or   | 5. Amount of   |  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)        |  | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |                            |
|   |  |  |   |               |                            |                               |  |                                   | Code                               | v   | Amount           | nt (A) or (D) |  | Price  | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)   |  |  |   | (1154: 4)                  |
| Common  | shares with  | nout par value   |   | 02/2          | 0/20                       | 09                            |  |                                   | A                                  |   | 76,20            | 0(1)          | A  | \$0  | 390  | ,275   |  | D   |                            |
| Common  | shares with  | nout par value   |   |               |                            |                               |  |                                   |                                    |   |                  |               |  |  | 21,1   | 70(2)  |  | I   | Profit<br>Sharing<br>Frust |
| Common  | shares with  | nout par value   |   |               |                            |                               |  |                                   |                                    |   |                  |               |  |  | 1,50   | 5 <b>7</b> <sup>(3)</sup>  |  |   | By<br>daughter             |
| Common  | shares with  | nout par value   |   |               |                            |                               |  |                                   |                                    |   |                  |               |  |  | 1,567 <sup>(3)</sup> I   |  |  | By self<br>for son  |                            |
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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)       | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | Conversion or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) Price of Derivative (Month/Day/Year) |   |               | ction Derivative E         |                               | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                                   |                                    | 7. Title and Amo<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secur<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                  | curity        | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)  | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported | e<br>s<br>illy   | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |                            |
|   |  |  |   | С             | ode                        | v                             | (A)  | (D)                               | Date<br>Exercisab                  |   | xpiration<br>ate | Title         | o<br>N   | mount<br>r<br>umber<br>f Shares                                    |  | Transaction<br>(Instr. 4)  |  |   |                            |
| Option<br>(right to<br>buy) <sup>(4)</sup>                | \$54.14  | 02/20/2009   |   |               | A                          |                               | 108,200  |                                   | 02/20/201                          | 0 0   | 2/19/2019        | Comi          |  | 08,200   | \$0  | 108,20   | 00   | D   |                            |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. These shares represent performance vested restricted stock awards under the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program. The awards have a 5-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.
- 2. Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of February 19, 2009.
- 3. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities held by his daughter and sons.
- 4. Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16b-3. The option becomes exercisable in annual increments of 36,067 on 2/20/2010, 36,067 on 2/20/2011 and 36,066 on 2/20/2012.

John A. Berry by power of attorney for Thomas C.
Freyman

02/24/2009

\*\* 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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