

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LINDER GREG W</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD</u> (Street) <u>ABBOTT PARK IL 60064-6400</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/20/2004</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <div>Director 10% Owner</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Vice President</u></div> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</div> <div>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</div>
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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	10/20/2004		M		1,000	A	\$18.3919	68,144	D	
Common Shares without par value	10/20/2004		M		6,022	A	\$20.5347	74,166	D	
Common Shares without par value	10/20/2004		M		3,941	A	\$27.4328	78,107	D	
Common Shares without par value	10/20/2004		F		6,044	D	\$41.38	72,063	D	
Common Shares without par value	10/21/2004		G	V	120	D	\$0	71,943	D	
Common Shares without par value								11,536 ⁽¹⁾	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) ⁽²⁾	\$18.3919	10/20/2004		M			1,000	04/28/1997	04/27/2005	Common Shares	1,000	\$0	6,661	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	\$20.5347	10/20/2004		M			6,022	02/09/1999	02/08/2006	Common Shares	6,022	\$0	0	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	\$27.4328	10/20/2004		M			3,941	02/14/2000	02/13/2007	Common Shares	3,941	\$0	0	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	\$41.38	10/20/2004		A		2,988		04/21/2005	02/08/2006	Common Shares	2,988	\$0	2,988	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	\$41.38	10/20/2004		A		2,612		04/21/2005	02/13/2007	Common Shares	2,612	\$0	2,612	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of October 20, 2004.
2. Employee stock options granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1991 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3.
3. Employee stock options granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program, including a replacement option feature, in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3.

John A. Berry, Attorney-In-Fact for Greg W. Linder

10/22/2004

** 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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