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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 2. Date of Event 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Requiring Statement ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT] LIEPMANN HOLGER A (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2004 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Middle) (Last) (First) (Check all applicable) (Month/Day/Year) 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check below) below) Applicable Line) (Street) Senior Vice President Form filed by One Reporting Person **ABBOTT** 60064-6400 II. Form filed by More than One **PARK** Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) 2. Amount of Securities 3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Form: Direct (D) Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common shares without par value 61,412 D Common shares without par value 12,633(1) I profit sharing trust 295⁽²⁾ T Common shares without par value by wife for daughter 296(2) T Common shares without par value by wife for daughter Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Expiration Date Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Conversion Ownership Form: Direct (D) (Month/Day/Year) or Exercise (Instr. 5) Price of or Indirect Amount Derivative Security (I) (Instr. 5) Number Date Expiration Exercisable Title **Shares** Date Option (right to buy)(3) Common shares 2,702 37 02/13/2001 02/12/2008 D Option (right to buy)(3) 05/17/1999 04/28/2004 Common shares 628 47.58 D Option (right to buy)(3) 05/17/1999 47.58 12/31/2004 1.880 D Common shares Option (right to buy)(3) 02/12/2000 02/11/2009 Common shares 3,667 45.22 D Option (right to buy)(3) 02/12/2001 02/11/2009 Common shares 3,667 45.22 D 02/12/2002 02/11/2009 45.22 D Option (right to buy)(3) Common shares 3.666 4,833 34.7 D Option (right to buy)(3) 02/11/2002 02/10/2010 Common shares Option (right to buy)⁽³⁾ 02/11/2003 02/10/2010 Common shares 4,833 34.7 D Option (right to buy)(3) 02/09/2002 02/08/2011 48.36 D Common shares 4.834 Option (right to buy)(3) 02/09/2003 02/08/2011 Common shares 4.833 48.36 D Option (right to buy)(3) 02/08/2011 4,823 48.36 D 02/09/2004 Common shares Option (right to buy)(3) 07/09/2002 07/08/2011 Common shares 5,000 47.47 D Option (right to buy)(3) 07/09/2003 07/08/2011 Common shares 5,000 47.47 D Option (right to buy)(3) 07/09/2004 07/08/2011 Common shares 5.000 47,47 D D Option (right to buy)⁽³⁾ 06/22/2002 02/13/2007 Common shares 5.150 55.6 Option (right to buy)(3) 06/22/2002 04/27/2005 Common shares 3,073 55.6 D Option (right to buy)(3) 06/22/2002 02/10/2010 Common shares 3,727 55.6 D Option (right to buy)(3) 02/12/2008 D 06/22/2002 Common shares 6,289 55.6 Option (right to buy)(3) 02/15/2003 02/14/2012 Common shares 16,667 57.06 D Option (right to buy)(3) 02/15/2004 02/14/2012 Common shares 16,666 57.06 D

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	02/15/2005	02/14/2012	Common shares	16,667	57.06	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	02/14/2004	02/13/2013	Common shares	20,000	35.36	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	02/14/2005	02/13/2013	Common shares	20,000	35.36	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	02/14/2006	02/13/2013	Common shares	20,000	35.36	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	11/30/2003	02/08/2006	Common shares	1,939	43.55	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	11/30/2003	02/13/2007	Common shares	2,650	43.55	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	02/20/2005	02/19/2014	Common shares	10,000	43.66	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	02/20/2006	02/19/2014	Common shares	10,000	43.66	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	02/20/2007	02/19/2014	Common shares	10,000	43.66	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of March 17, 2004.
- 2. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of shares held by his daughters.
- 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 Holger A. Liepmann

03/22/2004

** 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 5 (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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