

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br><u>Mason Heather L</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>ABBOTT PARK IL 60064-6400</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ ABT ]</u><br><br>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>01/31/2017</u><br><br>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>Executive Vice President</u><br><br>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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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 | 01/31/2017                           |  | M                              |   | 35,700  | A          | \$25.2461 | 100,189   | D  |   |
| Common shares without par value | 01/31/2017                           |  | S                              |   | 35,700  | D          | \$40.77   | 64,489  | D  |   |
| Common shares without par value |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |           | 70,000  | I  | Heather L. Mason 2016 GRAT                            |

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) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D)    | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  |
| Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>       | \$25.2461  | 01/31/2017                           |  | M                              |   |  | 35,700 | 02/16/2010   | 02/15/2017      | Common shares   | \$0  | 0  | D   |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program, in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16b-3.

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Heather L. Mason 02/02/2017  
\*\* 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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