Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFIC	JIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LIEPMANN HOLGER A</u>							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ ABT ]									5. Relationship of Reportin (Check all applicable) Director			ner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2006									X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Senior Vice President					
(Street) ABBOTT PARK IL 60064-640					4.	If Ame	endment,	Date o	of Original	Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)				Line)	X Form filed by One Reporting F Form filed by More than One F			ting Persor	1	
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)												Persor	1				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction  2. Deemed  3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or  5. Amount of  6. Ownership  7. Nature															7 Noture					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)				Date (Month/Day/\		ear)	Execution Date,		Transaction Code (Instr.		Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				Securitie Beneficia Owned F	es ally Following	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Direct ( Indirect ( tr. 4)	of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
								Code	v	Amount (A)		or I	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			(Instr. 4)		
Common shares without par value				02/18/2006					F		913		D	\$44.15	77,	,888		D		
Common shares without par value				02/17/2006					A <sup>(1)</sup>		26,500		A	\$44.16	104	104,388		D		
Common shares without par value				02/21/2006					S		310		D	\$43.86	104,078		D			
Common	shares with	nout par value													13,260 <sup>(2)</sup> I				Profit sharing trust	
Common	shares with	nout par value													29	)5 <sup>(3)</sup>	By wife I for daughte			
Common shares without par value															296 <sup>(3)</sup>		I		By wife for daughter	
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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		າ of lE		6. Date Ex Expiration (Month/Da	n Date	:	7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)		curity	B. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Ow Fo Dir or (I)	LO. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		Expiration Date	Title	or Nu of	nount imber iares						
Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$44.16	02/17/2006			A		83,000		02/17/200	07 0	2/16/2016	Comm share		3,000	\$0	83,000	83,000			

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. These shares represent performance vested restricted stock awards under the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3. 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 16, 2006.
- 3. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of shares held by his daughters.
- 4. Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3. The option becomes exercisable in annual increments of 27,667 on 02/17/2007, 27,667 on 02/17/2008 and 27,666 on 02/17/2009.

John A. Berry, Attorney-in-Fact 02/22/2006 for Holger A. Liepmann

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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## POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned constitutes and appoints LAURA J. SCHUMACHER, JOHN A. BERRY and DEBORAH K. KOENEN, and each of them individually, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for the undersigned and in the undersigned's name, place and stead, to prepare and sign any and all Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Notices of Proposed Sales of Securities pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933 on Form 144, all SEC statements on Forms 3, 4 and 5 as required under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and any amendments to such forms, and to file the same with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the SEC, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each act and thing requisite and necessary to be done under said Rule 144 and Section 16(a), as fully for all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

A copy of this power of attorney shall be filed with the SEC. The authorization set forth above shall continue in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 144, 3, 4, or 5 or if earlier, until the undersigned revokes such authorization by written instructions to the attorney-in-fact.

Date: February 20, 2006

/s/ Holger A. Liepmann

Signature of Reporting Person

Holger A. Liepmann

Name

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