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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM S-8/A**

**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**ABBOTT LABORATORIES**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Illinois**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**36-0698440**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**Abbott Laboratories  
100 Abbott Park Road  
Abbott Park, Illinois  
60064-6400  
(847) 937-6100**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including  
area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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**ABBOTT LABORATORIES 1996 INCENTIVE STOCK PROGRAM**  
(Full title of the plan)

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**Laura J. Schumacher  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary  
Abbott Laboratories  
100 Abbott Park Road  
Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6400**  
(Name and address of agent for service)

Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service: **(847) 937-6100**

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**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

On August 26, 2008, a total of 23,248,652 common shares of the Registrant were registered on Form S-8 (file no. 333-153197) for issuance under the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program (the "1996 Program"). On April 24, 2009, the Registrant's shareholders approved the Abbott Laboratories 2009 Incentive Stock Program (the "2009 Program"). No additional awards will be made under the 1996 Program and the shares that were available for new grants under the 1996 Program immediately before April 24, 2009 are now issuable under the 2009 Program. Pursuant to Instruction E to Form S-8 and Interpretation 89 under Section G of the Manual of Publicly Available Telephone Interpretations of the Commission's Division of Corporation Finance (July 1997), 23,248,652 of the unissued shares previously registered pursuant to this registration statement with respect to the 1996 Program are being carried forward and deemed covered by the registration statement on Form S-8 relating to the 2009 Program that is being filed on the date hereof. The Registrant hereby de-registers such shares as of the date of this post-effective amendment.

**PART II**

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

**SIGNATURES**

THE REGISTRANT. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the County of Lake, State of Illinois, on April 24, 2009.

**ABBOTT LABORATORIES**

/s/ THOMAS C. FREYMAN

Thomas C. Freyman

Executive Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
* Miles D. White	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, and Director	April 24, 2009
/s/ THOMAS C. FREYMAN Thomas C. Freyman	Executive Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)	April 24, 2009
* Greg W. Linder	Vice President and Controller (principal accounting officer)	April 24, 2009
* Robert J. Alpern	Director	April 24, 2009
* Roxanne S. Austin	Director	April 24, 2009
* William M. Daley	Director	April 24, 2009
* W. James Farrell	Director	April 24, 2009
* H. Laurance Fuller	Director	April 24, 2009
* William A. Osborn	Director	April 24, 2009
* David A. L. Owen	Director	April 24, 2009
* Boone Powell Jr.	Director	April 24, 2009
* W. Ann Reynolds	Director	April 24, 2009

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>*</u> Roy S. Roberts	Director	April 24, 2009
<u>*</u> Samuel C. Scott III	Director	April 24, 2009
<u>*</u> William D. Smithburg	Director	April 24, 2009
<u>*</u> Glenn F. Tilton	Director	April 24, 2009

\*By:

/s/ LAURA SCHUMACHER

Laura Schumacher, Esq.

Attorney-In-Fact

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
24.1	Power of Attorney (previously filed with the Form S-8 filed on August 26, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).