

IDEXX LABORATORIES INC /DE
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FRATONI S SAM

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
IDEXX LABORATORIES INC /DE [IDXX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ONE IDEXX DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/14/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President and CIO

WESTBROOK, ME 04092
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2006 | | A | | 313 ⁽¹⁾ | A | 76.67 ₍₁₎ |
| | | | | | | | \$ 7,549 |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 76.67 | 02/14/2006 | | A | 1,065 | (2) 02/13/2016 | Common Stock | 1,065 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 76.67 | 02/14/2006 | | A | 4,263 | (2) 02/13/2016 | Common Stock | 4,263 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (3) | 02/14/2006 | | A | 443 | (3) (3) | Common Stock | 443 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FRATONI S SAM ONE IDEXX DRIVE WESTBROOK, ME 04092 | | | Vice President and CIO | |

Signatures

Conan R. Deady, Attorney-in-Fact for S. Sam Fratoni, PhD 02/16/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

Represents deferred stock units acquired pursuant to the IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") in accordance with Rule 16b-3. The number of deferred stock units acquired is determined by dividing the amount of cash compensation

- (1) deferred pursuant to the Plan (\$24,000) by the closing price of the IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. Common Stock on the date of the deferral. Deferred stock units are issuable only as common stock on a one-for-one basis one year following the Executive's resignation from IDEXX.
- (2) Grant of option to buy shares of IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. Common Stock exercisable in five equal annual increments, beginning on February 17, 2007.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. common stock. The restricted stock units vest in five equal annual increments, beginning on February 17, 2007.

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