

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MCEWAN ALASTAIR STUART

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL INC [CRL]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 251 BALLARDVALE STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/23/2004

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Corporate VP

WILMINGTON, MA 01887

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Stock	12/23/2004		M		10,666	A	\$ 18.35
							34,117
Common Stock	12/23/2004		M		8,000	A	\$ 22.19
							42,117
Common Stock	12/23/2004		M		28,000	A	\$ 29.55
							70,117
Common Stock	12/23/2004		S		10,666	D	\$ 47.2577
							59,451
Common Stock	12/23/2004		S		8,000	D	\$ 47.2577
							0

Common Stock	12/23/2004	S	23,451	D	\$ 47.2577	36,000	D
Common Stock	12/23/2004	S	28,000	D	\$ 47.2577	8,000	D

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)

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 18.35	12/23/2004		M	10,666	<u>(1)</u> 04/29/2013	Common Stock	10,666
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 22.19	12/23/2004		M	8,000	<u>(2)</u> 06/28/2013	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.55	12/23/2004		M	28,000	<u>(3)</u> 01/30/2014	Common Stock	28,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCEWAN ALASTAIR STUART 251 BALLARDVALE STREET WILMINGTON, MA 01887			Corporate VP	

Signatures

Deborah E. Gray as attorney-in-fact for Alastair S.
McEwan

12/23/2004

__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).
- (3) 9,333 options are exercisable on 1/30/05 and 1/30/04; 9,334 options are exercisable on 1/30/07.
- (2) 4,000 options are immediately exercisable; 4,000 options are exercisable on each of 6/28/05 and 6/28/06.
- (1) 5,333 options are immediately exercisable; 5,333 options are exercisable on 4/29/05 and 5,334 options are exercisable on 4/29/06.

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