

ABBOTT LABORATORIES
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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 *
Schumacher Laura J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD

(Street)

ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]

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

08/20/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Executive Vice President

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

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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: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common shares without par value | 08/20/2008 | | M | | 8,515 A \$ 45.4488 | 154,584 | D |
| Common shares without par value | 08/20/2008 | | M | | 1,213 A \$ 46.19 | 155,797 | D |
| Common shares without par value | 08/20/2008 | | F | | 8,395 D \$ 58.86 | 147,402 | D |

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| Common shares without par value | 5,114 ⁽¹⁾ | I | Profit Sharing Trust |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|

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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |
| Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾ | \$ 45.4488 | 08/20/2008 | | M | 8,515 | 02/09/2004 02/08/2011 | Common shares | 8,515 | |
| Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾ | \$ 46.19 | 08/20/2008 | | M | 1,213 | 06/18/2005 02/10/2010 | Common shares | 1,213 | |
| Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾ | \$ 58.86 | 08/20/2008 | | A | 7,340 | 02/21/2009 02/08/2011 | Common shares | 7,340 | |
| Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾ | \$ 58.86 | 08/20/2008 | | A | 1,055 | 02/21/2009 02/10/2010 | Common shares | 1,055 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Schumacher Laura J 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400 | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Laura J.
Schumacher

08/22/2008

__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).
- (1) Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of August 19, 2008.
 - (2) Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program, including a replacement option feature, in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16b-3.

Remarks:

This exercise was made pursuant to a previously adopted plan complying with Rule 10b5-1(c). The plan was adopted on June

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