

ABBOTT LABORATORIES

Form 4

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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
FREYMAN THOMAS C

(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)

11/08/2012

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price   |
| Common shares without par value | 11/08/2012                           |  | G                              | V   | 65,000  | D  | \$ 0 349,548  |
| Common shares without par value | 11/16/2012                           |  | G                              | V   | 76,000  | D  | \$ 0 273,548  |
| Common shares without par value | 11/08/2012                           |  | G                              | V   | 65,000  | A  | \$ 0 80,000 <sup>(1)</sup>                            |

Annette  
Newton-Freyman  
1994 Trust

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|---------------------------------|------------|-----|--------|---|------|-----------------------|---|---|
| Common shares without par value | 11/13/2012 | G V | 76,000 | D | \$ 0 | 4,000 <sup>(1)</sup>  | I | Annette Newton-Freyman 1994 Trust             |
| Common shares without par value | 11/13/2012 | G V | 76,000 | A | \$ 0 | 76,000 <sup>(2)</sup> | I | Annette Newton Freyman 2012 Irrevocable Trust |
| Common shares without par value | 11/16/2012 | G V | 76,000 | A | \$ 0 | 76,000 <sup>(3)</sup> | I | Thomas C. Freyman 2012 Irrevocable Trust      |
| Common shares without par value |            |     |        |   |      | 1,053 <sup>(4)</sup>  | I | Profit Sharing Trust                          |
| Common shares without par value |            |     |        |   |      | 1,941 <sup>(5)</sup>  | I | By daughter                                   |
| Common shares without par value |            |     |        |   |      | 1,941 <sup>(6)</sup>  | I | By spouse as trustee for son                  |
| Common shares without par value |            |     |        |   |      | 1,941 <sup>(6)</sup>  | I | By spouse as trustee for son                  |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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|------|---|---------------------|--------------------|-------|--|
|      |   |                     |                    |       | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|      |   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title |  |
| Code | V | (A)                 | (D)                |       |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| FREYMAN THOMAS C<br>100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD<br>ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400 |               |           | Executive<br>Vice<br>President |       |

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Thomas C. Freyman | 12/14/2012 |
| **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) Held in the Annette Newton-Freyman 1994 Trust. The reporting person's spouse is trustee of the trust. The trust is revocable by his spouse. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.
- (2) Held in the Annete Newton Freyman 2012 Irrevocable Trust. The reporting person is trustee of the trust. The trust is irrevocable by the reporting person's spouse. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.
- (3) Held in the Thomas C. Freyman 2012 Irrevocable Trust. The reporting person's spouse is trustee of the trust. The trust is irrevocable by the reporting person.
- (4) Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of December 12, 2012.
- (5) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities held by his daughter.
- (6) These shares are held in an irrevocable trust for the benefit of the reporting person's son. The reporting person's spouse is trustee of the trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.

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