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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*]
Â Warmuth Michael J
(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD
(Street)

ABBOTT PARK,Â ILÂ 60064-6400
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2008

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common shares without par value	34,979	D	Â
Common shares without par value	23 [(1)]	I	Profit Sharing Trust
Common shares without par value	72 [(2)]	I	Held by spouse

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/12/2001	02/11/2009	Common shares	844	$ 42.5	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/12/2002	02/11/2009	Common shares	2,353	$ 42.5	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/11/2003	02/10/2010	Common shares	3,065	$ 32.61	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/09/2002	02/08/2011	Common shares	3,724	$ 45.45	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/09/2003	02/08/2011	Common shares	3,723	$ 45.45	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/09/2004	02/08/2011	Common shares	1,525	$ 45.45	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/09/2003	02/08/2011	Common shares	1	$ 45.45	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/09/2004	02/08/2011	Common shares	2,199	$ 45.45	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/15/2003	02/14/2012	Common shares	4,788	$ 53.63	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/15/2004	02/14/2012	Common shares	4,788	$ 53.63	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/15/2005	02/14/2012	Common shares	2,897	$ 53.63	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/15/2005	02/14/2012	Common shares	1,890	$ 53.63	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/14/2005	02/13/2013	Common shares	2,532	$ 33.23	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/14/2006	02/13/2013	Common shares	3,229	$ 33.23	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/14/2004	02/13/2013	Common shares	1	$ 33.23	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/14/2006	02/13/2013	Common shares	3,049	$ 33.23	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/20/2005	02/19/2014	Common shares	5,285	$ 41.03	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/20/2006	02/19/2014	Common shares	5,284	$ 41.03	D	Â

Option (right to buy) (3)	02/20/2007	02/19/2014	Common shares	2,830	$ 41.03	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/20/2007	02/19/2014	Common shares	2,454	$ 41.03	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/18/2006	02/17/2015	Common shares	4,499	$ 46.34	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/18/2007	02/17/2015	Common shares	4,500	$ 46.34	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/18/2008	02/17/2015	Common shares	2,343	$ 46.34	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/18/2006	02/17/2015	Common shares	1	$ 46.34	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/18/2008	02/17/2015	Common shares	2,157	$ 46.34	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/17/2007	02/16/2016	Common shares	3,134	$ 44.16	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/17/2008	02/16/2016	Common shares	3,133	$ 44.16	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/17/2009	02/16/2016	Common shares	3,133	$ 44.16	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/16/2008	02/15/2017	Common shares	8,934	$ 52.54	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/16/2009	02/15/2017	Common shares	8,933	$ 52.54	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Warmuth Michael J 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD ABBOTT PARK,Â ILÂ 60064-6400	Â	Â	Â Senior Vice President	Â

Signatures

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Michael J. Warmuth	12/23/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 December 19, 2008.

(2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities held by his spouse.

(3) Employee stock options 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.

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Remarks:

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