

FOREST LABORATORIES INC  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
SOLOMON HOWARD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FOREST LABORATORIES INC [FRX]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O FOREST LABORATORIES, INC., 909 THIRD AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman and CEO

NEW YORK, NY 10022

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/15/2008		M		8,272 A \$ 12.086	901,456	D
Common Stock	12/15/2008		F		4,118 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 24.275	897,338	D
Common Stock	12/15/2008		M		591,728 A \$ 12.086	1,489,066	D
Common Stock	12/15/2008		F		436,631 <sub>(2)</sub> D \$ 24.275	1,052,435 <sub>(3)</sub>	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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.086	12/15/2008		M	8,272	12/18/1998 12/18/2008	Common Stock 8,272
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.086	12/15/2008		M	591,728	12/18/1998 12/18/2008	Common Stock 591,728

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SOLOMON HOWARD C/O FOREST LABORATORIES, INC. 909 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Howard  
Solomon 12/16/2008

\*\*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) Represents shares previously owned by the Reporting Person delivered to the Issuer to pay the exercise price.
- (2) Represents shares covered by the stock option used by the Reporting Person to pay the exercise price and applicable tax obligation.
- (3) This amount includes shares of common stock which are subject to a risk of forfeiture.

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