

ABBOTT LABORATORIES

Form 4

February 24, 2009

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)

02/20/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
Common shares without par value	02/20/2009		A	76,200 (1)	A \$ 0 390,275	D	
Common shares without par value					21,170 (2)	I	Profit Sharing Trust
Common shares without par value					1,567 (3)	I	By daughter

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Common shares without par value	1,567 ⁽³⁾	I	By self for son
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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 of Number of Shares
Option (right to buy) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 54.14	02/20/2009		A		108,200		02/20/2010	02/19/2019	Common shares	108,200

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

John A. Berry by power of attorney for Thomas C.
Freyman 02/24/2009

 **Signature of Reporting Person

____ Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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These shares represent performance vested restricted stock awards under the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program. The

(1) awards have a 5-year term, with no more than 1/3 of the award vesting in any one year upon Abbott reaching a minimum return on equity target. The awards include the right to have stock withheld for tax purposes.

(2) Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of February 19, 2009.

(3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities held by his daughter and sons.

Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section

(4) 16 under Rule 16b-3. The option becomes exercisable in annual increments of 36,067 on 2/20/2010, 36,067 on 2/20/2011 and 36,066 on 2/20/2012.

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