

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)

02/11/2008

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)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common shares without par value	02/11/2008		G	V	1,056	D	\$ 0	294,355	D
Common shares without par value	02/15/2008		A <sup>(1)</sup>		31,400	A	\$ 55.56	325,755	D
Common shares without par value	02/17/2008		F		3,761	D	\$ 55.55	321,994	D

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Common shares without par value	02/18/2008	F	1,223	D	\$ 55.55	320,771	D	
Common shares without par value						19,963	I	Profit sharing trust <sup>(2)</sup>
Common shares without par value	02/11/2008	G V	352	A	\$ 0	1,197	I	By daughter <sup>(3)</sup>
Common shares without par value	02/11/2008	G V	352	A	\$ 0	1,197	I	By self for son <sup>(3)</sup>
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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 or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 55.56	02/15/2008		A	127,500	02/15/2009	02/14/2018	common shares	127,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

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

## Signatures

Deborah K. Koenen by power of attorney for Thomas C. Freyman

02/20/2008

\_\_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).  
These shares represent performance vested restricted stock awards under the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program. The 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.
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- (2) Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of February 14, 2008
- (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 16 under Rule 16b-3. The option becomes exercisable in annual increments of 42,500 on 2/15/09, 42,500 on 2/15/10 and 42,500 on 2/15/11.
- (4) 16 under Rule 16b-3. The option becomes exercisable in annual increments of 42,500 on 2/15/09, 42,500 on 2/15/10 and 42,500 on 2/15/11.

### Remarks:

These transactions were made pursuant to previously adopted plans complying with Rule 10b5-1(c). The plans were adopted

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