

ABBOTT LABORATORIES

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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 \*  
Hance Robert B

(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)

02/15/2008

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)

Senior Vice President

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 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common shares without par value	02/15/2008		A		19,700 (1) \$ 55.56	A	139,481 D
Common shares without par value	02/17/2008		F		1,865 \$ 55.55	D	137,616 D
Common shares without par value	02/18/2008		F		746 \$ 55.55	D	136,870 D

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Common shares without par value	02/19/2008	S	818	D	\$ 56.05	136,052	D	
Common shares without par value						5,812 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	Profit sharing trust

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>(3)</sup>	\$ 55.56	02/15/2008		A	78,700	02/15/2009 02/14/2018	Common shares 78,700

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hance Robert B 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

Deborah K. Koenen, Attorney-in-Fact for Robert B. Hance 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.
- (1) Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of February 14, 2008  
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 26,234 on 02/15/2009, 26,233 on 02/15/2010, and 26,233 on 02/15/2011.
- (2)
- (3)

### Remarks:

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

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