#### **ABBOTT LABORATORIES**

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WHITE MILES D			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (I	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)				
100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD			(Month/Day/Year) 02/18/2005						X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO			
			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
	PARK, IL 60064-0	6400							Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - No	n-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deem Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transa Code (Instr.	8)	4. Securitin(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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	02/18/2005			A(1)		63,800	A	\$ 46.34	600,437	D		
Common shares without par value									14,920 (2)	I	Profit Sharing Trust	
Common shares without par value									3,713	I	By wife for son (3)	

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount o Number o Shares
Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 46.34	02/18/2005		A	440,800	02/18/2006	02/17/2015	common shares	440,800

Relationships

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address			-	
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITE MILES D 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400	X		Chairman and CEO	
Signatures				
John A. Berry, Attorney-in-Fact for White	02/23/2005			
**Signature of Reporting Person	1		Date	

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### **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) These shares represent a restricted stock award under the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3. The award includes the right to have stock withheld for tax purposes.
- (2) Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of February 17, 2005.
- (3) The reporting persons disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities held by his sons.
  - Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section
- (4) 16(b) under Rule 16b-3. The option becomes exercisable in annual increments of 146,934 on 2/18/06, 146,933 on 2/18/07 and 146,933 on 2/18/08

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