ABBOTT LABORATORIES

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Szela Mary T			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD			08/26/2008	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				Senior Vice President		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		
ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400				Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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)	Omr Dispos (Instr. 3,	sed of 4 and (A) or	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	08/26/2008		Code V M		(D)	Price \$ 32.6111	97,817	D	
Common shares without par value	08/26/2008		M	2,454	A	\$ 41.0317	100,271	D	
Common shares without par value	08/26/2008		M	538	A	\$ 45.4488	100,809	D	

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Common shares without par value	08/26/2008	F	3,570	D	\$ 57.76	97,239	D	
Common shares without par value	08/27/2008	F	1,026	D	\$ 57.57	96,213	D	
Common shares without par value						8,016 (1)	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of on 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 o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 32.6111	08/26/2008		M		2,488	02/11/2003	02/10/2010	Common Shares	2,488
Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 41.0317	08/26/2008		M		2,454	02/20/2007	02/19/2014	Common Shares	2,454
Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 45.4488	08/26/2008		M		538	02/09/2004	02/08/2011	Common Shares	538
Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 57.76	08/26/2008		A	1,404		02/27/2009	02/10/2010	Common Shares	1,404
Option (right to	\$ 57.76	08/26/2008		A	1,743		02/27/2009	02/19/2014	Common Shares	1,743

buy) (2)

Option (right to

buy) (2)

\$ 57.76 08/26/2008 Α 423 02/27/2009 02/08/2011

Common

Shares

423

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Szela Mary T Senior 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD Vice ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400 President

Signatures

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Mary T. Szela

08/28/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- 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) Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of August 26, 2008.
- Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program, including a replacement option feature, in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16b-3.

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