

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 \*  
WHITE MILES D

(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)

08/11/2008

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)  
Chairman and CEO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |
| Common shares without par value | 08/11/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 202,822   | A  | \$ 47.1                           |
| Common shares without par value | 08/11/2008                           |  | F                              |   | 178,002   | D  | \$ 59.03                          |
| Common shares without par value |                                      |  |                                |   | 18,251 <sup>(1)</sup>   | I  |                                   |

Profit Sharing Trust

|  |                      |   |        |
|--|----------------------|---|--------|
| Common<br>shares<br>without<br>par value | 5,168 <sup>(2)</sup> | I | By son |
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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|--|
|   |  |   |   |                                      |   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date |  |
| Option<br>(right to<br>buy) <sup>(3)</sup>          | \$ 47.1  | 08/11/2008                              |   | M                                    | 202,822   | 01/28/2007   | 02/13/2013         | Common<br>shares   |
| Option<br>(right to<br>buy) <sup>(3)</sup>          | \$ 59.03   | 08/11/2008                              |   | A                                    | 178,002   | 02/12/2009   | 02/13/2013         | Common<br>shares   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| WHITE MILES D<br>100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD<br>ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400 | X             |           | Chairman and CEO |       |

## Signatures

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Miles D. White 08/13/2008

         \*\*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).
- (1) Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of August 12, 2008.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities held by his sons.
- (3) 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.

### Remarks:

This transaction was made pursuant to a previously adopted plan complying with Rule 10b5-1(c). The plan was adopted on D

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