

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)

03/20/2012

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)

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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	03/20/2012		M		26,572	A	\$ 52.55
Common shares without par value	03/20/2012		M		25,701	A	\$ 54.67
Common shares without par value	03/20/2012		F		24,590	D	\$ 60.22

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Common shares without par value	03/20/2012	F	24,314	D	\$ 60.22	401,546	D	
Common shares without par value						1,028 <u>(1)</u>	I	Profit Sharing Trust
Common shares without par value						15,000 <u>(2)</u>	I	Annette Newton-Freyman 1994 Trust
Common shares without par value						1,941 <u>(3)</u>	I	By daughter
Common shares without par value						1,941 <u>(4)</u>	I	By spouse as trustee for son
Common shares without par value						1,941 <u>(4)</u>	I	By spouse as trustee for son

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) <u>(5)</u>	\$ 52.55	03/20/2012		M	26,572	07/30/2007	02/13/2013	Common shares	26,572

Option (right to buy) ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 54.67	03/20/2012	M	25,701	05/14/2008	02/13/2013	Common shares	25,701
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Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Thomas C. Freyman	03/22/2012
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 **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 March 20, 2012.
- (2) Held in the Annette Newton-Freyman 1994 Trust. The reporting person's spouse is trustee of the trust. The trust is revocable by his spouse. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.
- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities held by his daughter.
- (4) These shares are held in an irrevocable trust for the benefit of the reporting person's son. The reporting person's spouse is trustee of the trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.
- (5) 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:

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

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