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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

| DEMPSEY WILLIAM G | | | Symbol ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT] | | | | | | Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|--|---|------------|--|--|---|-------------|---|------------------|----------|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | Director 10% Owner | | | |
| 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD | | | 02/15/2 | 02/15/2007 | | | | | _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President | | | |
| | | 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 | | | | | |
| ABBOTT P | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tabl | le I - Non | -De | erivative S | Securi | ities Acqu | iired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea | r) Execution | ned 3. 4. Securities Acquired n Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Oay/Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price | | 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 | 02/15/2007 | | | F | | 9,863 | D | | 179,328 | D | | |
| Common shares without par value | 02/16/2007 | | | A(1) | | 27,600 | A | \$ 52.54 | 206,928 | D | | |
| Common shares without par value | 02/16/2007 | | | A(2) | | 21,000 | A | \$ 52.54 | 227,928 | D | | |

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| Common shares without par value | 02/17/2007 | F | 3,486 | D | \$ 52.49 | 224,442 | D | |
|--|------------|---|-------|---|-------------|---------|---|--------------------------|
| Common shares without par value | 02/18/2007 | F | 1,222 | D | \$ 52.49 | 223,220 | D | |
| Common shares without par value | 02/20/2007 | F | 3,156 | D | \$ 52.49 | 220,064 | D | |
| Common shares without par value | | | | | | 10,636 | I | Profit sharing trust (3) |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. 5. Number of | | 6. Date Exercisable and | | 7. Title and Amount of | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | TransactionDerivative | | Expiration Date | | Underlying Securities | |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code Securities | | (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or | | | | |
| | Derivative | | | Disposed of (D) | | | | | |
| | Security | | | (Instr. 3, 4, and | | | | | |
| | | | | | 5) | | | | |
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount o |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares |
| Option (right to buy) (4) | \$ 52.54 | 02/16/2007 | | A | 112,000 | 02/16/2008 | 02/15/2017 | common shares | 112,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| DEMPSEY WILLIAM G | | | Executive | | | | | |
| 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD | | | Vice | | | | | |
| ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400 | | | President | | | | | |

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Signatures

Deborah K. Koenen by power of attorney for William G. Dempsey

02/20/2007

**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

 (1) 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.
- (2) These shares represent a retention award of restricted stock under the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program. The awards generally vest on the third anniversary of their grant date and include the right to have stock withheld for tax purposes.
- (3) Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of February 19, 2007.
 - 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 37,334 on 2/16/08, 37,333 on 2/16/09 and 37,333 on 2/16/10

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