

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 \*  
Szela Mary T

(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)

05/14/2008

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)

Senior 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common shares without par value | 05/14/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 2,676 A \$ 42.4978  | 98,284   | D                                 |
| Common shares without par value | 05/14/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 1,158 A \$ 43   | 99,442   | D                                 |
| Common shares without par value | 05/14/2008                           |  | F                              |   | 3,101 D \$ 54.4   | 96,341   | D                                 |

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|---------------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| Common shares without par value | 7,916 <sup>(1)</sup> | I | Profit Sharing Trust |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|

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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) |               |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title         | Amount or Number of Shares |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)           | (D)                        |
| Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>       | \$ 42.4978   | 05/14/2008                           |  | M                              | 2,676   | 02/12/2002 02/11/2009                                    |   | Common Shares | 2,676                      |
| Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>       | \$ 43  | 05/14/2008                           |  | M                              | 1,158   | 07/31/2006 02/13/2013                                    |   | Common Shares | 1,158                      |
| Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>       | \$ 54.4  | 05/14/2008                           |  | A                              | 2,090   | 11/15/2008 02/11/2009                                    |   | Common Shares | 2,090                      |
| Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>       | \$ 54.4  | 05/14/2008                           |  | A                              | 1,011   | 11/15/2008 02/13/2013                                    |   | Common Shares | 1,011                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| Szela Mary T<br>100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD<br>ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400 |               |           | Senior Vice President |       |

## Signatures

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

05/16/2008

\_\_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 May 14, 2008.
  - (2) Employee stock option, including replacement option feature, granted pursuant to Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program 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). The plan was adopted on

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