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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

FOREST LABORATORIES INC

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Solomon David F

(Last) (First)

C/O FOREST LABORATORIES, INC., 909 THIRD AVENUE

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/06/2009

Symbol

[FRX]

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

VP-Business Devlop./Planning

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City)

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of	` ′	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 Stock	12/06/2009		F	1,245	D	\$ 31.445	42,675	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2009		A	40,000 (1)	A	\$ 0	82,675 <u>(2)</u>	D	

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	or Exercise any Price of (Month/Day, Derivative		4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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 Share
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.265	12/07/2009		A	40,000	12/07/2010(3)	12/06/2019	Common Stock	40,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Solomon David F C/O FOREST LABORATORIES, INC. 909 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022

VP-Business Devlop./Planning

Signatures

/s/ David F.

Solomon 12/08/2009

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

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) These shares of common stock are issued under the Company's 2007 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to a risk of forfeiture, which lapses as to 25% of the shares on each of the first four anniversaries of the grant date (December 7, 2009).
- (2) This amount includes shares of common stock which are subject to a risk of forfeiture.
- (3) The option becomes exercisable as to 15% of the shares covered by the option on each of the first four anniversaries of the grant date (December 7, 2009) and as to the remaining 40% on the fifth anniversary of the grant date.
- (4) Not Applicable.

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