

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                     |  |
| Â Warmuth Michael J                       |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]  |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                       | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD                      |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                   |
| ABBOTT                                    |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                       |
| PARK,Â ILÂ 60064-6400                     |         |                                      | (give title below)   | (specify below)                                      |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | Senior Vice President  |  |
|   |         |                                      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |  |
|   |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |  |
|   |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common shares without par value | 34,979  | D  | Â   |
| Common shares without par value | 23 <sup>(1)</sup>                                     | I  | Profit Sharing Trust                                  |
| Common shares without par value | 72 <sup>(2)</sup>                                     | I  | Held by spouse  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|--|--|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
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|                                      | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4)<br>Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------|
| Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup> | 02/16/2010       | 02/15/2017      | Common shares       | 8,933                      | \$ 52.54                     | D  | Â          |
| Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup> | 02/15/2009       | 02/14/2018      | Common shares       | 8,500                      | \$ 55.56                     | D  | Â          |
| Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup> | 02/15/2010       | 02/14/2018      | Common shares       | 8,500                      | \$ 55.56                     | D  | Â          |
| Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup> | 02/15/2011       | 02/14/2018      | Common shares       | 8,500                      | \$ 55.56                     | D  | Â          |
| Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup> | 09/28/2008       | 02/11/2009      | Common shares       | 4,514                      | \$ 54.03                     | D  | Â          |
| Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup> | 09/28/2008       | 02/13/2013      | Common shares       | 4,540                      | \$ 54.03                     | D  | Â          |
| Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup> | 03/05/2009       | 02/13/2013      | Common shares       | 2,649                      | \$ 57.93                     | D  | Â          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Warmuth Michael J<br>100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD<br>ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400 | Â             | Â         | Â Senior Vice President | Â     |

## Signatures

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Michael J. Warmuth 12/23/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 December 19, 2008.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities held by his spouse.
- (3) Employee stock options granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16b-3.

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### Remarks:

Form 2 of 2 Derivative Table

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure.

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