

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)

08/26/2008

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common shares without par value	08/26/2008		M		2,488	A	\$ 32.6111
Common shares without par value	08/26/2008		M		2,454	A	\$ 41.0317
Common shares without par value	08/26/2008		M		538	A	\$ 45.4488

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Common shares without par value	08/26/2008	F	3,570	D	\$ 57.76	97,239	D	
Common shares without par value	08/27/2008	F	1,026	D	\$ 57.57	96,213	D	
Common shares without par value						8,016 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Profit Sharing Trust

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) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 32.6111	08/26/2008		M	2,488	02/11/2003	02/10/2010	Common Shares	2,488
Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 41.0317	08/26/2008		M	2,454	02/20/2007	02/19/2014	Common Shares	2,454
Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 45.4488	08/26/2008		M	538	02/09/2004	02/08/2011	Common Shares	538
Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 57.76	08/26/2008		A	1,404	02/27/2009	02/10/2010	Common Shares	1,404
Option (right to	\$ 57.76	08/26/2008		A	1,743	02/27/2009	02/19/2014	Common Shares	1,743

buy) (2)

Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 57.76	08/26/2008	A	423	02/27/2009	02/08/2011	Common Shares	423
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## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Mary T. Szela	08/28/2008
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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 August 26, 2008.
  - (2) 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.

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