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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT] A Warmuth Michael J (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) **ABBOTT** Form filed by More than One Senior Vice President PARK, ILÂ 60064-6400 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common shares without par value 34,979 Common shares without par value 23 (1) I **Profit Sharing Trust** Common shares without par value 72 (2) Ι Held by spouse Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/12/2001	02/11/2009	Common shares	844	\$ 42.5	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/12/2002	02/11/2009	Common shares	2,353	\$ 42.5	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/11/2003	02/10/2010	Common shares	3,065	\$ 32.61	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/09/2002	02/08/2011	Common shares	3,724	\$ 45.45	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/09/2003	02/08/2011	Common shares	3,723	\$ 45.45	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/09/2004	02/08/2011	Common shares	1,525	\$ 45.45	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/09/2003	02/08/2011	Common shares	1	\$ 45.45	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/09/2004	02/08/2011	Common shares	2,199	\$ 45.45	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/15/2003	02/14/2012	Common shares	4,788	\$ 53.63	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/15/2004	02/14/2012	Common shares	4,788	\$ 53.63	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/15/2005	02/14/2012	Common shares	2,897	\$ 53.63	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/15/2005	02/14/2012	Common shares	1,890	\$ 53.63	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/14/2005	02/13/2013	Common shares	2,532	\$ 33.23	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/14/2006	02/13/2013	Common shares	3,229	\$ 33.23	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/14/2004	02/13/2013	Common shares	1	\$ 33.23	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/14/2006	02/13/2013	Common shares	3,049	\$ 33.23	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/20/2005	02/19/2014	Common shares	5,285	\$ 41.03	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/20/2006	02/19/2014	Common shares	5,284	\$ 41.03	D	Â

Option (right to buy) (3)	02/20/2007	02/19/2014	Common shares	2,830	\$ 41.03	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (3)	02/20/2007	02/19/2014	Common shares	2,454	\$ 41.03	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/18/2006	02/17/2015	Common shares	4,499	\$ 46.34	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/18/2007	02/17/2015	Common shares	4,500	\$ 46.34	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/18/2008	02/17/2015	Common shares	2,343	\$ 46.34	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/18/2006	02/17/2015	Common shares	1	\$ 46.34	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/18/2008	02/17/2015	Common shares	2,157	\$ 46.34	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/17/2007	02/16/2016	Common shares	3,134	\$ 44.16	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/17/2008	02/16/2016	Common shares	3,133	\$ 44.16	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/17/2009	02/16/2016	Common shares	3,133	\$ 44.16	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/16/2008	02/15/2017	Common shares	8,934	\$ 52.54	D	Â
Option (right to buy) (4)	02/16/2009	02/15/2017	Common shares	8,933	\$ 52.54	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Warmuth Michael J 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400	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.

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- (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, including a replacement option feature, in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16b-3.
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Remarks:

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