#### LABRANCHE & CO INC

Form 4

January 22, 2007

## FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BURKE WILLIAM J III** Issuer Symbol LABRANCHE & CO INC [LAB] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner \_\_Other (specify \_X\_\_ Officer (give title . C/O LABRANCHE & CO 01/18/2007 below) below) INC., ONE EXCHANGE PLAZA Chief Operating Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting NEW YORK, NY 10006 Person

(City)	(State) (	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
"LAB" Common Stock	01/18/2007		M	1,834	A	\$ 8.99	539,201	D	
"LAB" Common Stock	01/22/2007		M	5,000	A	\$ 9.06	544,201	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e Expiration I (Month/Day	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	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	01/18/2007		M	1,834	4 (1)	<u>(1)</u>	"LAB" Common Stock	1,834	\$ 8
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	01/22/2007		M	5,000	) (2)	(2)	"LAB" Common Stock	5,000	\$ 9

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BURKE WILLIAM J III C/O LABRANCHE & CO INC. ONE EXCHANGE PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10006

Chief Operating Officer

## **Signatures**

William J. 01/22/2007 Burke, III

\*\*Signature of 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).
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive a share of LAB Common Stock. The reporting person received 5,500 (1) restricted stock units on January 18, 2006 that vest in equal one-third installments on each of January 18, 2007, January 18, 2008 and January 18, 2009; therefore, 1,834 shares of LAB Common Stock vested on January 18, 2007.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive a share of LAB Common Stock. The reporting person received 5,000 restricted stock units on January 22, 2004, all of which vested on January 22, 2007.

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