SOLOMON HOWARD

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **SOLOMON HOWARD**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

FOREST LABORATORIES INC

(Check all applicable)

Chairman and CEO

[FRX]

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

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

12/23/2005

C/O FOREST LABORATORIES, 909 THIRD

AVENUE

(City)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

(Street)

(State)

12/22/2005

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

\$ 0 4,343,350 <u>(1)</u>

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

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securities nAcquired (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)	p 7. Nature of t Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	12/22/2005		G	V	239	D	\$0	4,345,105 (1)	D			
Common Stock	12/22/2005		G	V	596	D	\$0	4,344,509 (1)	D			
Common Stock	12/22/2005		G	V	596	D	\$0	4,343,913 (1)	D			
Common Stock	12/22/2005		G	V	381	D	\$0	4,343,532 (1)	D			

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Common Stock							
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 239	D	\$ 0	4,343,111 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 1,208	D	\$ 0	4,341,903 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 242	D	\$ 0	4,341,661 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 242	D	\$ 0	4,341,419 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 239	D	\$ 0	4,341,180 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 604	D	\$ 0	4,340,576 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 1,191	D	\$ 0	4,339,385 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 120	D	\$ 0	4,339,265 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 596	D	\$ 0	4,338,669 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 358	D	\$ 0	4,338,311 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 3,078	D	\$ 0	4,335,233 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 179	D	\$ 0	4,335,054 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 596	D	\$ 0	4,334,458 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 120	D	\$ 0	4,334,338 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 179	D	\$0	4,334,159 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 242	D	\$0	4,333,917 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 242	D	\$0	4,333,675 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 2,054	D	\$0	4,331,621 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 239	D	\$0	4,331,382 (1)	D
	12/22/2005	G	V 483	D	\$0	4,330,899 (1)	D

Common Stock							
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 239	D	\$0	4,330,660 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 2,535	D	\$0	4,328,125 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 239	D	\$0	4,327,886 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/22/2005	G	V 1,208	D	\$0	4,326,678 <u>(1)</u>	D

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amor or Title Numl of Share	ber	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SOLOMON HOWARD							
C/O FOREST LABORATORIES	X		Chairman and CEO				
909 THIRD AVENUE	Λ		Chairman and CEO				
NEW YORK, NY 10022							

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Signatures

Howard

Solomon 12/23/2005

**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) The reporting person beneficially owns 10,526,678 shares which includes options to purchase 6,200,000 shares.

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