

Ford Robert B  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Ford Robert B

(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)  
 02/22/2019

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)  
 President and COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (D) Price  |  |                                   |
| Common shares without par value | 02/22/2019                           |  | A                              |   | 45,797 (1)<br>\$ 0  | D  |                                   |
| Common shares without par value |                                      |  |                                |   | 95,492 (2)  | I  | Ford Family 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 |                 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |               |         |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|---|---------------|---------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | Acquired (A)                       | Disposed of (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |               |         |
| Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>       | \$ 75.9  | 02/22/2019                           |  | A                              | V                                  | (A)             | (D)  | 240,059         | 02/22/2020 02/21/2029   | Common shares | 240,059 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| Ford Robert B<br>100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD<br>ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400 |               |           | President and COO |       |

## Signatures

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Jessica H. Paik, by power of attorney for Robert B. Ford | 02/26/2019  |
| <b>**Signature of Reporting Person</b>                   | <b>Date</b> |

## 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).

These shares represent performance-based restricted stock awards under the Abbott Laboratories 2017 Incentive Stock Program. The

(1) awards have a 3-year term, with no more than 1/3 of the award vesting in any one year upon Abbott reaching a minimum return on equity target. The awards include the right to have stock withheld for tax purposes.

(2) Held in the Ford Family Trust DTD June 2, 2014. The reporting person is co-trustee of the trust.

Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 2017 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section

(3) 16 under Rule 16b-3. The option becomes exercisable in annual increments of 80,019 on February 22, 2020, 80,020 on February 22, 2021, and 80,020 on February 22, 2022.

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