

CORE LABORATORIES N V  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 DENSON JOHN D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CORE LABORATORIES N V [CLB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 6316 WINDFERN  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/23/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, Gen.Counsel & Secretary

HOUSTON, TX 77040  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/23/2005			A		10,000		12/31/2007	12/31/2007	Common Shares	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DENSON JOHN D 6316 WINDFERN HOUSTON, TX 77040			VP, Gen.Counsel & Secretary	

## Signatures

/s/ John D.  
Denson

03/24/2005

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).

Represent contingent rights to acquire common shares ("Performance Shares") that are subject to a performance goal that is based on a calculated return on equity versus a pre-determined target return on equity of 20%. The return on equity is calculated by dividing earnings

(1) before interest and income tax from continuing operations over the performance period by ending shareholders' equity over the performance period ("ROE"). Unless there is a change in control, none of these shares will be issued if the ROE for Core Laboratories N.V. ("Core") is less than 20% for the three-year performance period.

If Core's ROE for the performance period equals 20%, then 50% of the shares will be issued, and if Core's ROE for the performance period equals or exceeds 24%, then 100% of the shares will be issued. If Core's ROE for the performance period is greater than 20% but

(2) less than 24%, then the number of shares to be issued would be interpolated based on the terms of the agreement. If a change in control of Core occurs prior to the last day of the performance period and while the executive officer is employed by Core, then all of the executive officer's Performance Shares will vest as of the date of the change in control.

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