

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MCEWAN ALASTAIR STUART</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>251 BALLARDVALE STREET</u> (Street) <u>WILMINGTON MA 01887</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL INC [CRL]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Corporate VP</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/23/2004</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/23/2004		M		10,666	A	\$18.35	34,117	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2004		M		8,000	A	\$22.19	42,117	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2004		M		28,000	A	\$29.55	70,117	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2004		S		10,666	D	\$47.2577	59,451	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2004		S		8,000	D	\$47.2577	0	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2004		S		23,451	D	\$47.2577	36,000	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2004		S		28,000	D	\$47.2577	8,000	D	

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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$18.35	12/23/2004		M			10,666	(1)	04/29/2013	Common Stock	10,666	\$18.35	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$22.19	12/23/2004		M			8,000	(2)	06/28/2013	Common Stock	8,000	\$22.19	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$29.55	12/23/2004		M			28,000	(3)	01/30/2014	Common Stock	28,000	\$29.55	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. 5,333 options are immediately exercisable; 5,333 options are exercisable on 4/29/05 and 5,334 options are exercisable on 4/29/06.
- 2. 4,000 options are immediately exercisable; 4,000 options are exercisable on each of 6/28/05 and 6/28/06.
- 3. 9,333 options are exercisable on 1/30/05 and 1/30/04; 9,334 options are exercisable on 1/30/07.

Deborah E. Gray as attorney-in-fact for Alastair S. McEwan 12/23/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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