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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>JOHST DAVID P</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>251 BALLARDVALE STREET</u> _____ (Street) <u>WILMINGTON MA 01887</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL INC [ CRL ]</u>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Sr. Vice President
	<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</b> <u>07/23/2003</u>	
<b>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>		

**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			

**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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$5.33							09/29/2000	09/29/2009	Common Stock	125,254		125,254	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$16							06/23/2001	06/23/2010	Common Stock	16,000		16,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$31.97							08/01/2002	08/01/2011	Common Stock	21,800		21,800	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$32.15							07/15/2005	07/15/2012	Common Stock	23,400		23,400	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$32.87	07/23/2003	07/23/2003	A		26,600		07/23/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	07/23/2013	Common Stock	26,600	\$0	26,600	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on July 23, 2004

Dennis R. Shaughnessy 07/29/2003

\*\* 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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