

NORTHFIELD LABORATORIES INC /DE/  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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|   |         |          |   |  |   |
|---|---------|----------|---|--|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         |          | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement  | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |   |
| Â BALYASNY ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC           |         |          | (Month/Day/Year)  | NORTHFIELD LABORATORIES INC /DE/ [NFLD]            |   |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle) | 12/08/2006  |  |   |
| 135 E. 57TH STREET,Â 27TH FL              |         |          | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |  | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |
| (Street)                                  |         |          | (Check all applicable)  |  |   |
| NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10022                      |         |          | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below) |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)    |   |  |   |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 14,439   | I   | See Footnotes <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>                      |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|              | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |  |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Stock Option | 12/08/2006       | 01/20/2007      | Common Stock | 11,000                     | \$ 5     | I                                     | See Footnotes <sup>(1)</sup><br><u>(2)</u> |
| Stock Option | 12/08/2006       | 01/20/2007      | Common Stock | 316,400                    | \$ 25    | I                                     | See Footnotes <sup>(1)</sup><br><u>(2)</u> |
| Stock Option | 12/08/2006       | 01/20/2007      | Common Stock | 392,200                    | \$ 7.5   | I                                     | See Footnotes <sup>(1)</sup><br><u>(2)</u> |
| Stock Option | 12/08/2006       | 01/20/2007      | Common Stock | 1,124,400                  | \$ 22.5  | I                                     | See Footnotes <sup>(1)</sup><br><u>(2)</u> |
| Stock Option | 12/08/2006       | 01/20/2007      | Common Stock | 500                        | \$ 17.5  | I                                     | See Footnotes <sup>(1)</sup><br><u>(2)</u> |
| Stock Option | 12/08/2006       | 12/16/2006      | Common Stock | 181,000                    | \$ 20    | I                                     | See Footnotes <sup>(1)</sup><br><u>(2)</u> |
| Stock Option | 12/08/2006       | 12/16/2006      | Common Stock | 50,000                     | \$ 25    | I                                     | See Footnotes <sup>(1)</sup><br><u>(2)</u> |
| Stock Option | 12/08/2006       | 12/16/2006      | Common Stock | 50,000                     | \$ 30    | I                                     | See Footnotes <sup>(1)</sup><br><u>(2)</u> |
| Stock Option | 12/08/2006       | 12/16/2006      | Common Stock | 72,000                     | \$ 7.5   | I                                     | See Footnotes <sup>(1)</sup><br><u>(2)</u> |
| Stock Option | 12/08/2006       | 12/16/2006      | Common Stock | 480,700                    | \$ 22.5  | I                                     | See Footnotes <sup>(1)</sup><br><u>(2)</u> |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BALYASNY ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC<br>135 E. 57TH STREET<br>27TH FL<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 | Â             | Â X       | Â       | Â     |
| Balyasny Dmitry<br>181 W. MADISON STREET;<br>SUITE 3600<br>CHICAGO, IL 60602         | Â             | Â X       | Â       | Â     |

## Signatures

/S/ SCOTT SCHROEDER, AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY FOR BALYASNY ASSET MANAGEMENT L.P.

12/13/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/S/ SCOTT SCHROEDER, AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY FOR DMITRY BALYASNY

12/13/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

**Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 are held as follows: Atlas Master Fund, Ltd. ("AMF") owns 5.86% or 157,788 shares; Visium Balanced Fund, LP ("VBF") owns 21.92% or 590,226 shares; Visium Long Bias Fund, LP ("VLB") owns 9.41% or 253,377 shares; Visium Balanced Offshore Fund, Ltd. ("VBOF") owns 36.34% or 978,505 shares; and Visium Long Bias Offshore Fund Ltd. ("VLBOF") owns 25.85% or 696,047 shares.

(1) Additionally, Dmitry Balyasny owns 0.63% or 16,695 shares. By virtue of its position as investment advisor and/or sub-advisor to each of Atlas Master Fund, Ltd. ("AMF"), Atlas Global, LLC ("AG"), Atlas Global Investments, Ltd. ("AGI"), Atlas Global Investments II, Ltd. ("AGII"), Visium Balanced Fund LP ("VBF"), Visium Long Bias Fund LP ("VLB"), Visium Balanced Offshore Fund, Ltd. ("VBOF") and Visium Long Bias Offshore Fund Ltd. ("VLBOF"), Balyasny Asset Management L.P. may be deemed to beneficially own all 2,692,639 shares of Common Stock.

(2) By virtue of Atlas Global, LLC's ("AG") ownership of 10.79% of the equity interest in AMF, AG may be deemed to beneficially own the 157,788 shares of Northfield Laboratories, Inc.'s ("NFLD") stock that is beneficially owned by AMF. By virtue of Atlas Global Investments, Ltd. ("AGI") ownership of 83.72% of the equity interest in AMF, AGI may be deemed to beneficially own the 157,788 shares of NFLD stock that is beneficially owned by AMF. By virtue of Atlas Global Investments II, Ltd. ("AGII") ownership of 5.48% of the equity interest in AMF, AGII may be deemed to beneficially own the 157,788 shares of OTCI stock that is beneficially owned by AMF.

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