

FOREST LABORATORIES INC  
 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 \*  
 PREHN MARY E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FOREST LABORATORIES INC  
 [FRX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/22/2006

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President-Licensing

C/O FOREST LABORATORIES, 909 THIRD AVENUE

(Street)

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

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

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 or Price		
Common Stock	05/22/2006		M		55,260 A \$ 21.086	60,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	05/22/2006		S		18,300 D \$ 38.55	41,700 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	05/22/2006		S		2,300 D \$ 38.56	39,400 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	05/22/2006		S		9,081 D \$ 38.6	30,319 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
	05/22/2006		S		300 D \$ 38.61	30,019 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

Common  
Stock

Common Stock 05/22/2006 S 300 D \$ 38.64 29,719 <sup>(1)</sup> D

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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 21.086	05/22/2006		M	55,260	05/22/2001 05/22/2006	Common Stock	55,260

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PREHN MARY E  
C/O FOREST LABORATORIES  
909 THIRD AVENUE  
NEW YORK, NY 10022

Vice  
President-Licensing

## Signatures

Mary E Prehn 05/24/2006

\*\*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).

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(1) The reporting person beneficially owns 147,719 which includes options to purchase 118,000 shares.

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