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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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may continue.

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gray Stephen H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

LABRANCHE & CO INC [LAB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

General Counsel, Secretary

C/O LABRANCHE & CO INC., 33

(Month/Day/Year) 01/20/2009

Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _Other (specify below)

WHITEHALL STREET

(Street)

(State)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zin)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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NEW YORK, NY 10004

(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	puired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactio Code	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	(A) or		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
"LAB" Common Stock	01/20/2009		Code V M	Amount 5,833	(D)	Price \$ 4.83		D	
"LAB" Common Stock	01/26/2009		F	1,541	D	\$ 6.18	9,981	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. Transacti 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)		8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 4.83	01/20/2009		M	5,833	(1)	(1)	"LAB" Common Stock	5,833	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Gray Stephen H C/O LABRANCHE & CO INC. 33 WHITEHALL STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004

General Counsel, Secretary

Signatures

Stephen H. Gray 01/26/2009

**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).
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive a share of LAB Common Stock. The reporting person received 10,000 restricted stock units on January 18, 2006 and 7,500 restricted stock units on January 18, 2007, each of which vest in equal one-third installments on each of the three anniversaries of the grant date; therefore, 5,833 shares of LAB common stock vested on January 20, 2009, the first trading day following the vesting date.

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