

LABRANCHE & CO INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BURKE WILLIAM J III**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O LABRANCHE & CO INC., 120 BROADWAY, 34TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10271

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**LABRANCHE & CO INC [LAB]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/15/2005**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CEO LaBranche Financial Servic

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

**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  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| "LAB" Common Stock              | 02/15/2005                           |  | J(1)                           |   | 116,633 (1)   | D  | 534,367                           |
| "LAB" Common Stock              | 02/15/2005                           |  | J(2)                           |   | 3,000 (2)   | A  | 537,367                           |
| "LAB" Common Stock              |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | 59,800                            |

William J. Burke III 1999 Family Trust

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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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| DECS issued by DECS Trust IX               | (2)  | 02/15/2005                           |  | J(2)                           | 3,000   | 02/15/2005 02/15/2005                                    | "LAB" Common Stock  | 3,000<br>(2)                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| BURKE WILLIAM J III<br>C/O LABRANCHE & CO INC.<br>120 BROADWAY, 34TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10271 |               |           | CEO LaBranche Financial Servic |       |

## Signatures

William J. Burke, III 02/17/2005

\*\*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).
- (1) In February 2002, Reporting Person had entered into a prepaid forward contract with DECS Trust IX (the Trust) pursuant to which he deposited 116,633 shares of LAB Common Stock into the Trust for an aggregate of \$24.24 per share. Concurrently therewith, the Trust publicly issued DECS securities, each of which entitled the holder to receive LAB Common Stock or cash upon termination of the Trust

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between February 15 and May 15, 2005, depending on the public trading price of LAB common stock at that time. Because the price of LAB Common Stock was less than \$31.580 per share on February 15, 2005, the date the Trust terminated, each holder of a DECS was entitled to receive one share of LAB common stock, or the cash equivalent, for each DECS owned. Reporting Person, therefore, was required to deliver 116,633 shares of LAB Common Stock, or the cash equivalent, on February 15, 2005. Prior to February 15, 2005, Reporting Person continued to beneficially own these shares of LAB Common Stock.

- (2) As a holder of 3,000 DECS securities, in accordance with the terms of the Trust, the Reporting Person received 3,000 shares of LAB Common Stock in exchange for his DECS Securities upon liquidation of the Trust on February 15, 2005.

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