

Gergel Ivan  
 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 \*  
 Gergel Ivan

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)  
 C/O FOREST LABORATORIES,  
 INC., 909 THIRD AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/06/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr VP - Chief Sci. Officer

NEW YORK, NY 10022

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 (D) Price		
Common Stock	12/06/2007		A		15,000 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0 15,000 <u>(2)</u> 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)**

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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 Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.255	12/06/2007		A	30,000 (3)	12/06/2008 12/06/2012	Common Stock	30,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gergel Ivan C/O FOREST LABORATORIES, INC. 909 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022			Sr VP - Chief Sci. Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Ivan Gergel                      12/07/2007  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) Represents shares of common stock which are subject to a risk of forfeiture issued under the Company's 2007 Equity Incentive Plan. The risk of forfeiture lapses as to 25% of the shares on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of the grant (December 6, 2007).
- (2) This amount includes shares of common stock which are subject to a risk of forfeiture.
- (3) The option becomes exercisable as to 15% of the shares covered by the option on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of the grant (December 6, 2007) and as to the remaining 40% on the fifth anniversary of the date of the grant.
- (4) Not Applicable

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