

FOREST LABORATORIES INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 Basgoz Nesli

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)  
 08/11/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	08/11/2008		A	(A) or (D) 1,000 (1)	\$ 0 2,000 (2)	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)	8.
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.33	08/11/2008		A	4,000	02/11/2009 08/10/2018	Common Stock	4,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Basgoz Nesli C/O FOREST LABORATORIES, INC. 909 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Nesli Basgoz                      08/11/2008

\*\*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).
- These shares of common stock are issued under the Company's 2007 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to a risk of forfeiture, which
- (1) lapses as to 25% of the shares on the six month anniversary of the grant date (August 11, 2008) and as to 25% of the shares on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.
  - (2) This amount includes shares of common stock which are subject to a risk of forfeiture.

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