

EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORP
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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 *
MUSALLEM MICHAEL A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORPORATION, ONE EDWARDS WAY

(Street)

IRVINE, CA 92614

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORP [EW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2006

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)
Chairman of the Board & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 or Disposed of (A) or (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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Common Stock | | | | | 32,502 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2006 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 9,000 A | \$ 13.875 75,256 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2006 | | S ⁽²⁾ | 9,000 D | \$ 41.1 66,256 ⁽³⁾ | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire) | \$ 13.875 | 03/01/2006 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 9,000 | 04/03/2002 04/03/2010 | Common Stock 9,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MUSSALLEM MICHAEL A C/O EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORPORATION ONE EDWARDS WAY IRVINE, CA 92614 | X | | Chairman of the Board & CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Jay P. Wertheim, 03/02/2006
Attorney-in-fact

**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) Shares represented on the most recent statement of the 401(k) Plan Administrator where a unitized accounting procedure is utilized to convert the equities to share equivalents.
- (2) The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 28, 2005.
- (3) This Form 4 reflects changes in beneficial ownership only; it does not identify other securities of the Issuer beneficially owned by the reporting person.

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