

Abate Thomas M  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting  
Person \*

Â Abate Thomas M  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O EDWARDS  
LIFESCIENCES,Â ONE  
EDWARDS WAY

(Street)

IRVINE,Â CAÂ 92614

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
01/01/2006

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

4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer \_\_\_ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
CVP, CFO and Treasurer

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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities  
Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership  
Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

3,472

D Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially  
owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative  
Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and  
Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of  
Securities Underlying  
Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

4. Conversion  
or Exercise  
Price of  
Derivative

5. Ownership  
Form of  
Derivative  
Security:

6. Nature of Indirect  
Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

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|  | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire) | 02/08/2003 <sup>(1)</sup> | 02/08/2011      | Common Stock | 12,000                     | \$ 18.5  | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire) | 04/03/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> | 04/03/2011      | Common Stock | 891                        | \$ 18.4  | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire) | 04/04/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> | 04/03/2012      | Common Stock | 666                        | \$ 26.94 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire) | 05/08/2003 <sup>(4)</sup> | 05/07/2012      | Common Stock | 25,000                     | \$ 26.01 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire) | 04/04/2004 <sup>(5)</sup> | 04/03/2013      | Common Stock | 913                        | \$ 27.62 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire) | 05/14/2004 <sup>(6)</sup> | 05/13/2010      | Common Stock | 50,000                     | \$ 30.43 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire) | 04/03/2005 <sup>(7)</sup> | 04/02/2011      | Common Stock | 920                        | \$ 32.15 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire) | 11/04/2005 <sup>(8)</sup> | 11/03/2011      | Common Stock | 15,000                     | \$ 34.71 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire) | 05/12/2006 <sup>(9)</sup> | 05/11/2012      | Common Stock | 23,100                     | \$ 45.9  | D                                     | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| Abate Thomas M<br>C/O EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES<br>ONE EDWARDS WAY<br>IRVINE,Â CAÂ 92614 | Â             | Â         | Â CVP, CFO and Treasurer | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Jay P. Wertheim,  
Attorney-in-fact

01/10/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) This option was granted on February 8, 2001 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable as to 30% after two years from grant date and 100% after three years from grant date.
- (2) This option was granted on April 3, 2001 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable as to 30% after two years from grant date and 100% after three years from grant date.

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- (3) This option was granted on April 4, 2002 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable as to 30% after two years from grant date and 100% after three years from grant date.
- (4) This option was granted on May 8, 2002 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable commencing one year after the grant date in three equal annual installments.
- (5) This option was granted on April 4, 2003 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable commencing one year after the grant date in three equal annual installments.
- (6) This option was granted on May 14, 2003 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable commencing one year after the grant date in four equal annual installments.
- (7) This option was granted on April 3, 2004 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable commencing one year after the grant date in three equal annual installments.
- (8) This option was granted on November 4, 2004 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable commencing one year after the grant date in four equal annual installments.
- (9) This option was granted on May 12, 2005 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable commencing one year after the grant date in four equal annual installments.

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