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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A	A Sy	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORP [EW]				- 5	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of (Month/D) C/O EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES 02/01/20 CORPORATION, ONE EDWARDS WAY				•				_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board & CEO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
IRVINE, CA 92614									Person		
(City)	(State) 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 Deany (Month/Day/	Oate, if Transa Code (Year) (Instr.	. 8)	4. Securin(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock						,		32,524 (1)	I	By 401(k)	
Common Stock	02/01/2006		M(2)		9,000	A	\$ 13.875	75,256 <u>(3)</u>	D		
Common Stock	02/01/2006		S(2)		9,000	D	\$ 42.69	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 or 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D		ate xercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire)	\$ 13.875	02/01/2006		M(2)	9,00	00 04	4/03/2002	04/03/2010	Common Stock	9,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
topotong o matrimato / reductor	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, 02/02/2006 Attorney-in-fact Date

**Signature of 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).
- Shares represented on the most recent statement of the 401(k) Plan Administrator where a unitized accounting procedure is utilized to **(1)** convert the equities to share equivalents.
- The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on **(2)** February 28, 2005.
- 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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