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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MUSSALLEM MICHAEL A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol

EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORP

(Check all applicable)

[EW]

(Middle)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

(Month/Day/Year)

below)

C/O EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES

05/01/2006

Chairman of the Board & CEO

CORPORATION, ONE EDWARDS WAY

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

IRVINE, CA 92614

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Issuer

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			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			Code V	Amount (D)	Price	,,,,	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock	05/01/2006		M(2)	14,000 A	\$ 10.1955	82,622 (3)	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2006		S(2)	14,000 D	\$ 44.075	68,622 <u>(3)</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)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of ionDerivative 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)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire)	\$ 10.1955	05/01/2006		M ⁽²⁾		14,000	11/18/2000	11/18/2007	Common Stock	14,000

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, Attorney-in-fact 05/03/2006

**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 16, 2006.
- (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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