

EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORP

Form 8-K

February 21, 2006

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **February 16, 2006**

EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-15525

(Commission
file number)

36-4316614

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One Edwards Way, Irvine, California

(Address of principal executive offices)

92614

(Zip Code)

(949) 250-2500

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4© under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On February 16, 2006, Barbara J. McNeil, M.D., Ph.D., was elected to serve as a member of the board of directors of Edwards Lifesciences Corporation (the Company). A copy of the press release announcing Dr. McNeil's election to the Company's board of directors is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) **Exhibits**

99.1 Press release, dated February 16, 2006, announcing Dr. Barbara J. McNeil's election to the board of directors of Edwards Lifesciences Corporation.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 21, 2006

EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORPORATION

By: */s/ Jay P. Wertheim*
Jay P. Wertheim
Vice President, Associate General Counsel
and Secretary

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