

EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORP

Form 4

May 15, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BESSLER ANITA

(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)
05/11/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Corp VP, Global Franchise Mgmt

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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 (A) or Disposed of (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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)			By 401(k) (1)
Common Stock	05/11/2006		A	6,000 (2)	A \$ 0 22,021 (3)	D	
Common Stock	05/11/2006		A	34 (2)	A \$ 0 22,055 (3)	D	

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

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(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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire)	\$ 43.91	05/11/2006		A	53,000	05/11/2009 ⁽⁴⁾ 05/10/2013	Common Stock 53,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
BESSLER ANITA C/O EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORPORATION; ONE EDWARDS WAY IRVINE, CA 92614	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Corp VP, Global Franchise Mgmt

Signatures

/s/ Jay P. Wertheim, 05/12/2006
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) Reflects unvested restricted stock units granted on May 11, 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.
- (4)

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This option was granted on May 11, 2006 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable as to 50% after three years from grant date and 100% after four years from grant date.

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