#### **EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORP**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* FOSTER STUART L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

**EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORP** 

(Check all applicable)

[EW]

(Last)

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

Director 10% Owner

Corp VP, Technology/Discovery

(Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2006

X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

C/O EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORPORATION, ONE EDWARDS

(Street)

(State)

WAY

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

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

05/11/2006

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common

Code V Price Amount (D) 7,000 \$0 Α

(1)

17,033 (2) (3) D

Stock

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)

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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 Expiration Date Expiration Date Expiration Date Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securition
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire)	\$ 43.91	05/11/2006		A	60,000	05/11/2009(4)	05/10/2013	Common Stock	60,0

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FOSTER STUART L C/O EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORPORATION ONE EDWARDS WAY IRVINE, CA 92614

Corp VP, Technology/Discovery

## **Signatures**

Jay P. Wertheim, Attorney-in-fact 05/15/2006

\*\*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) Reflects unvested restricted stock units granted on May 11, 2006.
- (2) This Form 4 reflects changes in beneficial ownership only; it does not identify other securities of the Issuer beneficially owned by the reporting person.
- (3) This amount includes quarterly acquisitions of shares under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan as reflected on the most recent report of the plan administrator.
- (4) 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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