

Abate Thomas M  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Abate Thomas M		(Month/Day/Year)	EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORP [EW]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/01/2006	
C/O EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES,Â ONE EDWARDS WAY			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
IRVINE,Â CAÂ 92614		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) CVP, CFO and Treasurer		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	3,472	D	Â

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire)	02/08/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/08/2011	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 18.5	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire)	04/03/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	04/03/2011	Common Stock	891	\$ 18.4	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire)	04/04/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>	04/03/2012	Common Stock	666	\$ 26.94	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire)	05/08/2003 <sup>(4)</sup>	05/07/2012	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 26.01	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire)	04/04/2004 <sup>(5)</sup>	04/03/2013	Common Stock	913	\$ 27.62	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire)	05/14/2004 <sup>(6)</sup>	05/13/2010	Common Stock	50,000	\$ 30.43	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire)	04/03/2005 <sup>(7)</sup>	04/02/2011	Common Stock	920	\$ 32.15	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire)	11/04/2005 <sup>(8)</sup>	11/03/2011	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 34.71	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire)	05/12/2006 <sup>(9)</sup>	05/11/2012	Common Stock	23,100	\$ 45.9	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Abate Thomas M C/O EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES ONE EDWARDS WAY IRVINE, CA 92614	Â	Â	Â CVP, CFO and Treasurer	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Jay P. Wertheim,  
Attorney-in-fact

01/10/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) This option was granted on February 8, 2001 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable as to 30% after two years from grant date and 100% after three years from grant date.
- (2) This option was granted on April 3, 2001 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable as to 30% after two years from grant date and 100% after three years from grant date.

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- (3) This option was granted on April 4, 2002 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable as to 30% after two years from grant date and 100% after three years from grant date.
- (4) This option was granted on May 8, 2002 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable commencing one year after the grant date in three equal annual installments.
- (5) This option was granted on April 4, 2003 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable commencing one year after the grant date in three equal annual installments.
- (6) This option was granted on May 14, 2003 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable commencing one year after the grant date in four equal annual installments.
- (7) This option was granted on April 3, 2004 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable commencing one year after the grant date in three equal annual installments.
- (8) This option was granted on November 4, 2004 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable commencing one year after the grant date in four equal annual installments.
- (9) This option was granted on May 12, 2005 under the Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Long-Term Stock Incentive Compensation Program and becomes exercisable commencing one year after the grant date in four equal annual installments.

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