Martin John Alexander Form 4 May 16, 2005

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Martin John Alexander

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORP

[EW]

(Check all applicable)

CVP, North America

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

05/12/2005

Director X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORPORATION, ONE EDWARDS

(Street)

WAY

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

IRVINE, CA 92614

(City) (State)

(Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(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) Price (D)

Common Stock

05/12/2005

5,300 Α (1)

Code V Amount

\$0 5,300 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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 Securitic (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire)	\$ 45.9	05/12/2005		A	43,400	05/12/2006(2)	05/11/2012	Common Stock	43,4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Martin John Alexander C/O EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORPORATION ONE EDWARDS WAY IRVINE, CA 92614

CVP, North America

Signatures

/s/ Jay P. Wertheim, Attorney-in-fact 05/13/2005

**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 12, 2005.
- (2) 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.
- (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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