

BESSLER ANITA
Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)
05/12/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					4,141	I	By 401(k) (1)
Common Stock	05/12/2005		A	6,000 (2)	A \$ 0	14,616 (3) (4)	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)

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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Acquire)	\$ 45.9	05/12/2005		A	49,000	05/12/2006 ⁽⁵⁾ 05/11/2012	Common Stock 49,000

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Jay P. Wertheim, 05/13/2005
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 12, 2005.
- (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 Form 4 reflects changes in beneficial ownership only; it does not identify other securities of the Issuer beneficially owned by the reporting person.
- (5) 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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