EXACT SCIENCES CORP

Form 4

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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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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

may continue. See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HARDISON DON M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

EXACT SCIENCES CORP [EXAS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

below)

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2006

X Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

President, CEO and Director

C/O EXACT SCIENCES CORP., 100 CAMPUS DRIVE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752

(City) (State) (Zip) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/\) | Year) (Instr. 8 | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | Code V | (A) | (D) Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 2.61 | 02/16/2006 | A | 165,000 | <u>(1)</u> | 02/16/2016 | Common Stock | 165,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | | | • | |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------|---|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | | Other |

HARDISON DON M C/O EXACT SCIENCES CORP. 100 CAMPUS DRIVE MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752

X President, CEO and Director

Relationships

Signatures

/s/ Don M. 02/16/2006 Hardison

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
- Option becomes exercisable in equal monthly installments over a three year period beginning March 16, 2006, with 2.7778% of the option becoming exercisable on the first day of each subsequent one month period thereafter until fully exercisable.

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