

EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORP

Form 8-K

January 16, 2004

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**



**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **January 16, 2004**

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## **EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-15525**

(Commission  
file number)

**36-4316614**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Edwards Way, Irvine,  
California**

(Address of principal executive  
offices)

**92614**

(Zip Code)

**(949) 250-2500**

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

**Item 5. Other Events.**

On January 16, 2004, Edwards Lifesciences Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Company), announced the conclusion of a dispute resolution proceeding with Baxter International Inc. ("Baxter") regarding certain disagreements between the two companies arising from the Company's spin-off from Baxter in April 2000. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits:

99.1	Press release dated January 16, 2004
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**SIGNATURES**

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 16, 2004

**EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORPORATION**

By:                   /s/ Corinne H. Lyle  
Corinne H. Lyle  
Corporate Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

EXHIBIT INDEX

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release dated January 16, 2004