

EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2004

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**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): **October 21, 2004**

**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

**N/A**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

This information furnished under this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ) except that the information contained in the first two paragraphs of Exhibit 99.1 and pages 7 through 13, inclusive, shall be considered to be filed under the Exchange Act.

On October 21, 2004, Edwards Lifesciences Corporation, a Delaware corporation ( Edwards ), issued a press release setting forth Edwards financial results for the third quarter of 2004. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) **Exhibits**

99.1 Press release, dated October 21, 2004, reporting Edwards financial results for the third quarter of 2004.

**SIGNATURES**

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: October 21, 2004

**EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORPORATION**

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