FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*                  |   |  |   |                                  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INCYTE CORP [ INCY ] |   |        |  |  |  |                                      |  | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |   |                     |  |                                       |  |
|---|---|--|---|----------------------------------|--|---|--------|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| (Last) EXPERI   | STATES STATION  OUTE 141 & HENRY CLAY ROAD                            |  |   |                                  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/13/2006 |        |  |  |  |                                      |  | X Officer (give title below)  EVP, General Counsel                   |   |                     |  |                                       |  |
| (Street) WILMIN (City)                                    | WILMINGTON DE 19880   |  |   |                                  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)         |   |        |  |  |  | Line                                 | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |   |                     |  |                                       |  |
|   |   | Tab  | le I - Non-De   | rivativ                          | e Se   | curities  | s Ac   | quired, [  | Disp                                       | osed o                                   | of, or Be                            | neficial   | y Owned  | l   |                     |  |                                       |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D  |   | •  | Execution Date,   |                                  | Code (Instr.   5)  |   |        | Securitie<br>Benefici<br>Owned F                           | ecurities<br>eneficially<br>wned Following |  | n: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>nstr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership  |  |   |                     |  |                                       |  |
|   |   |  |   |                                  | Code   | v   | Amount | (A) or (D) Price   |  | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) |                                      |  |  | (Instr. 4)  |                     |  |                                       |  |
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| Security or Exerc<br>(Instr. 3) Price of<br>Derivati      | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Yea | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr |  |   |        | 6. Date Exercisable<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | able and                                 |                                      |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)                  | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | e<br>s<br>Illy<br>J | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|   |   |  |   | Code                             | v  | (A)   | (D)    | Date<br>Exercisable  |  | xpiration<br>ate                         | Title                                | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares   |  |   |                     |  |                                       |  |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$5.46  | 01/13/2006                                 |   | A                                |  | 83,204  |        | (1)  | 0  | 1/13/2016                                | Common<br>Stock                      | 83,204   | \$0  | 83,204  | 4                   | D  |                                       |  |
| Incentive<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)         | \$5.46  | 01/13/2006                                 |   | A                                |  | 16,796  |        | (1)  | 0  | 1/13/2016                                | Common<br>Stock                      | 16,796   | \$0  | 16,790  | 6                   | D  |                                       |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Option begins vesting on the grant date in 37 installments, with the first vesting after one year and the remaining vestings monthly over three years.

/s/ David C. Hastings for Patricia A. Schreck 01/17/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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).

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